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The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

November 26, 2012

Re: DA 12-1863, IB Docket No. 12-340; RM-11683

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

In my role as County Judge Executive of Powell County, Kentucky, a small, rural county, which suffers from very poor cell phone and broadband internet service, I have written letters to Federal officials, including the FCC, describing the need for better cell phone and broadband service in rural areas. I now write specifically to support the application for license modification sought by LightSquared. While I am no engineer, I understand that LightSquared has proposed a solution which will allow it to utilize an under-used portion of the spectrum, and that its use of that spectrum will have no effect on GPS devices.

I understand that the FCC has a number of goals for the use of our broadcast spectrum. I know that you share my dream that rural areas of Kentucky, and our nation, have good, reliable, broadband coverage. I understand that providing this type of service requires using all of the spectrum that is available. I know that you also want to encourage competition. LightSquared is a private company, and will set up its network using no government funding, and plans to market its services through small local retailers, which will both increase competition and provide jobs. LightSquared is the only company I know of that proposes to do these things.

I know that officials sitting in Washington don't know very many county judge executives in rural Kentucky, or perhaps the problems they face. I succeeded my longtime friend and political mentor, Judge Jim Potts, who sadly died in office. One of Judge Potts' dreams for our county was a level of broadband internet and cellular service that would put it on a level playing field with other, more populated counties in Kentucky. One of Judge Potts' last acts in office was writing a letter to the FCC supporting the efforts of LightSquared to introduce its network. Judge Potts knew, as I know, that our county can compete with counties with larger populations only if we can offer the infrastructure needed to attract new employment. Having succeeded Judge Potts in office, I now become the second generation of Powell County Judge Executives to support the efforts of LightSquared. I encourage the FCC to do everything within its power to bring good cell service to Powell County, Kentucky, and the rest of our state. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James W. Anderson Jr.".

Judge James Anderson