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

Re: RM-11683m IB Docket No. 12-340

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

Access to affordable wireless broadband is a critical need for rural Mississippi, including the district that I represent in the State House, where my constituents are some of the half a million Mississippians without access to broadband.

According to recent news, despite the fact that the US leads the world in the percentage of global LTE subscribers with a number approaching 70%, broadband subscriptions are now hitting a plateau. Reasons include lack of affordability and lack of coverage, and with spectrum nearing capacity, solutions are limited.

However, the technology that LightSquared brings to the table solves all of these problems: the product is affordable; the span is coast-to-coast; the coverage is reliable. And, given their current petition to modify the spectrum licensed to them and share use with NOAA, they also vacate 10 MHz of valuable spectrum. LightSquared has worked diligently for years to bring a comprehensive solution to the nation's broadband crisis to the table, and they have done it. I urge you to grant their license modification and put our state and country in the position to benefit from LightSquared's investment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sam Mims", written in a cursive style.

Representative Sam Mims