



Donnie R. Foley
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Courthouse
Paris, Kentucky 40361

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

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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I serve as County Judge Executive of Bourbon County, one of Kentucky's most beautiful counties, and one of the homes of its Thoroughbred horse industry. Secretariat is only the most famous of the stallions who have stood at stud in Bourbon County, and our horse farms are a tourist draw for thousands each year.

Those of us who live in primarily rural counties and who represent many rural constituents are very concerned about the quality of cell phone service and broadband wireless internet service available in rural America. I write today not only to thank you, your colleagues and dedicated staff for your efforts to foster and promote sound spectrum management but also to encourage you to approve LightSquared's License Modification Application.

I know that LightSquared has engaged in significant efforts to build a competitive nationwide mobile broadband network, and my constituents and I applaud the company's willingness to voluntarily relinquish its authority to use its own licensed spectrum in order to protect the GPS industry. We view this as more than just an olive branch. Rural people, such as my constituents, many of whom are farmers, use GPS every day. However, we also need the benefit of a strong and robust cell phone and wireless broadband system. With your approval, perhaps this step – coupled with your allowing the company to share neighboring spectrum with the federal government – will, at long last, put us on the road to realizing the economic benefits of such expanded spectrum.

I can assure you that the citizens of Bourbon County feel that those remedies are long overdue. Therefore, I strongly encourage the FCC to approve LightSquared's pending application, and allow it to move forward with a system that can be of tremendous important to rural counties like mine throughout America. Thank you for your attention.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Donnie R. Foley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "D" and "F".

Judge Donnie Foley
Bourbon County Judge Executive