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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street NW
Washington, DC 20554

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

Dear Ms. Dortch,

As a practicing lawyer in Richmond, Kentucky, I have written to the FCC and to the NTIA in the past to support the efforts of LightSquared. Today I write again, and urge the FCC to approve LightSquared's License Modification Application, now pending.

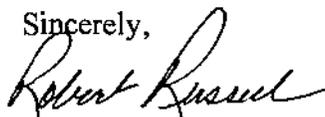
As I have written to you in the past, in my 28 years of law practice, I have served in state government, including an appointment as Inspector General for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and have served as the elected County Attorney of Madison County, Kentucky. Therefore, I understand the problems of operating a governmental agency in these times. I know, for example, that the FCC has a number of objectives for developing our economy through the best use of the airwaves. I know that it is deeply interested in providing universal cell phone and broadband service in rural areas of our country, such as the Eastern mountains of Kentucky. I also know that the FCC desires to foster competition in the marketplace, and to utilize all of our available spectrum, because with the increasing complexity of electronic devices, we simply can't afford to waste portions of our spectrum. LightSquared is the only private company I know of which is in a position to quickly meet each of these objectives without government money.

Portions of Eastern Kentucky were hit hard this past spring by tornadoes and severe thunder storms. Parts of the region, including the city of West Liberty, the county seat of Morgan County, were devastated. LightSquared provided satellite telephones and other equipment to the Kentucky officials responding to these emergencies, and this equipment was instrumental in allowing them to do their jobs in an orderly and efficient manner. I was happy to learn that during the recent damage caused by Hurricane Sandy, LightSquared again stepped up to the plate and showed itself to be a good corporate citizen by supplying satellite telephones to first responders in the states hit by Sandy as well.

The equipment provided by LightSquared allowed the first responders -- in Kentucky this spring, and in the Northeast more recently -- not only to communicate with each other, but to communicate with state and Federal disaster relief workers as well. The fact is that rural areas of our state badly need LightSquared's service. Therefore, I urge the FCC to approve LightSquared's pending application.

Thank you for the important work that you do, and thank you for allowing me to express my views on this issue, which I consider to be of vital importance to rural areas in Kentucky.

Sincerely,

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

Robert L. Russell