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Hon. Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

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

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I practice law in a small law firm in Winchester, Kentucky, a city that lies in Clark County, a largely rural county in Central Kentucky, which borders the Eastern portion of the state. I have been active in local political and civic issues, and served temporarily as District Judge. My law practice takes me to various places in Central and Eastern Kentucky, and in visiting these areas, I am struck by two things. First, these areas have notoriously bad cell phone and broadband internet service. Second, these areas also have significant unemployment and underemployment rates, and most of the jobs that exist in these counties are low level jobs that do not pay well. I believe that these two facts are related.

Our nation has just lived through a political campaign in which each candidate for each office on the ballot, from President of the United States down to local mayors, county judges, and legislators talked about how many jobs they were going to create, when in fact few of them are in a position to create any. However, today I write on behalf of what I believe to be a true job creator in rural areas of Kentucky: the license modification application for Virginia-based LightSquared, which will allow LightSquared to implement its revolutionary satellite based 4G cellular telephone and broadband service, which will provide universal coverage to rural areas across our nation. I strongly urge the FCC to do something concrete to help by approving the solution LightSquared has put forth.

I understand that this is not the first time that LightSquared has been before the FCC. I also understand that concerns raised by the GPS industry caused the FCC to deny LightSquared's initial application to utilize a portion of the broadcast spectrum which it owned for the purpose of LightSquared's implementation of its 4G system.

However, I understand that now LightSquared has proposed to give up 10 MHz of bandwidth that it currently owns in exchange for the right to share the use of a smaller portion of the spectrum, about 5 MHz, in an area of the spectrum not near that used by GPS devices. To a business lawyer who constantly sees compromises and attempts to resolve matters amicably, this seems like a perfect solution, protecting, as it does, not only our nation's ability to utilize its GPS system, but giving rural areas the benefit of good cell phone and broadband service through LightSquared's new system.

Rural areas in Kentucky are dying on the vine, because there are few jobs created in these areas, and the ones that are created are often low paying positions that do not challenge the skills and intelligence of our citizens.

Therefore, I urge the FCC to approve LightSquared's pending license modification application, and to do so as quickly as possible, so that LightSquared may begin to implement its system for the benefit of all of America. Thank you!

Sincerely,

David G. Perdue

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Hon. Mitch McConnell, US Senate

Hon. Ben Chandler, US House of Representatives