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

Re: LightSquared,
RM-11683, IB Docket No. 12-340

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In Kentucky, our economy has been in a decline for years, and one of the conditions that has both exacerbated the decline, and made its effects worse, is the lack of good cell phone service and good broadband wireless internet service in many of our rural areas. I practice law in Lexington, Kentucky. My practice, like that of many lawyers in Lexington, is regional in nature. I have cases in various locations around Kentucky, including a number in the mountain region of Eastern Kentucky.

I can tell you from personal experience in driving around Kentucky that there are large regions of our state that do not have adequate cell phone service, even on major interstate highways. This is not only an inconvenience for people like me who travel around our state, it is a serious economic drag on these regions. No major employer will locate in an area without adequate cell phone and wireless broadband service, and the children who grow up in these communities do not have the educational advantages of those who live in more populous areas.

However, I am encouraged by the FCC's focus on finding remedies to the spectrum crunch our nation faces. It's the scarcity of spectrum and the need for more efficient use of spectrum that is addressed in LightSquared's License Modification Application and Petition. As someone who has watched the struggles LightSquared has faced in getting its mobile broadband network up and running, I'm excited about the most recent solutions the company has outlined in the application before you, and I urge the FCC to grant LightSquared's pending application.

I understand that LightSquared now proposes to give up the use of 10 MHz of spectrum adjacent to that used by the GPS industry, and share 5 MHz of spectrum currently used by a Federal agency. LightSquared's proposal to combine its licensed spectrum with other spectrum utilized by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration a compelling, well-thought out sharing solution that could ultimately foster investment, continue innovation and increase consumer welfare. Because the blocks of spectrum being discussed are adjacent, I'm confident that LightSquared will be able to easily honor its commitment to protect any essential government operations within the band under consideration. It seems the company has found a way to provide the certainty the GPS industry wanted to begin with – represented by a guard band from

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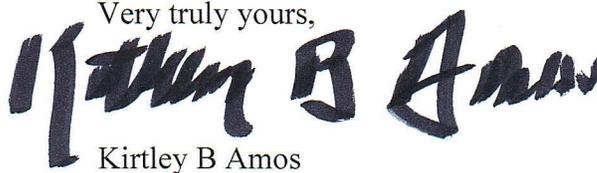
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ground-based services. I'm convinced your approval of the LightSquared application balances the need to protect GPS while maximizing the public interest benefits of a new, competitive broadband network.

This seems to me a very practical solution, and will allow LightSquared to implement its new network and thereby make full use of our broadcast spectrum. Therefore, I respectfully urge the FCC to approve LightSquared's application for a license modification. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kirtley B Amos". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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Hon. Ben Chandler, US House of Representatives