

**Michael Stinziano**  
State Representative

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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 Chairman Genachowski:

Representing the 18<sup>th</sup> District in the Ohio Legislature, my district encompasses parts of Columbus and its neighboring communities. While I represent a district that is largely metropolitan, issues regarding broadband access and availability continue to be an issue for all Ohioans, including many areas of my district.

Recent findings indicate that federal spectrum remains unused or only used irregularly strengthens my opinion that President Obama's goal of increasing the availability of up to 500 MHz of spectrum for wireless broadband use is a worthy and necessary step to give individuals, families and businesses the necessary infrastructure to communicate in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

At a time when U.S. wireless data traffic is growing 300% every year because applications and services are more bandwidth intensive, the FCC and NTIA should make every effort to ensure that every ounce of spectrum viable for wireless broadband does not remain fallow or otherwise inefficiently utilized. We are careening towards a spectrum cliff and the FCC and NTIA should move with speed to make sure that the economy doesn't fall off the rails because of insufficient wireless broadband capacity.

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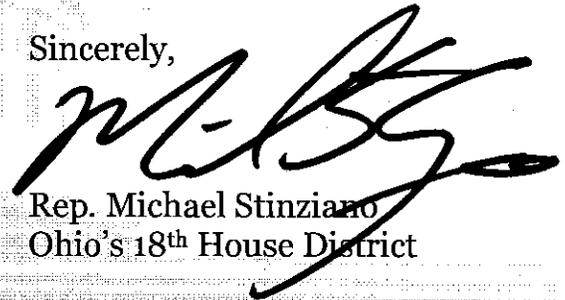
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By approving LightSquared's application to share spectrum, the Commission is leveraging 5 MHz of federal spectrum into a wireless broadband network with a nationwide 10x10 MHz channel that offers as much capacity and speed that only one other carrier can currently match. Given the commitment LightSquared has made to protect federal operations in the 5 MHz it proposes to share, the Commission should allow this private investment in our wireless infrastructure to further secure our economy and national well-being.

I appreciate your consideration of my remarks and trust you will approve a plan that benefits all of Ohio and the Nation.

Sincerely,



Rep. Michael Stinziano  
Ohio's 18<sup>th</sup> House District

cc: Sen. Sherrod Brown, United States Senate  
Sen. Rob Portman, United States Senate  
Speaker John Boehner, United States House of Representatives  
Congressman Bob Latta, United States House of Representatives