

## Sugar Creek Police Department

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Chief of Police

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

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

Dear Secretary Dortch:

The Sugar Creek Police Department relies heavily on communications technology to make our city a safe place to live and as Police Chief, I am always looking for ways our team can be more effective. Given that our ability to communicate reliably with each other and other public safety officials in the Fire Department or state and federal law enforcement officers is central to everything that we do, improving the reliability and bandwidth of our communications technology is paramount. However, we are budget constrained like most other local public safety agencies across the country, so affordability is also a key factor.

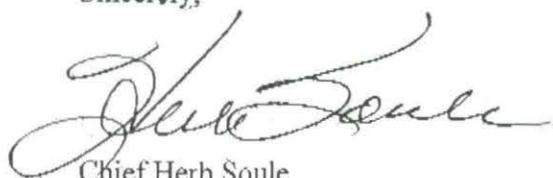
It came to my attention last year that a company called LightSquared was working to launch a new 4G-LTE wireless communications and data network. The company has roots in public safety communications as it provides satellite voice and data services to agencies like the FBI and FEMA and operates a nationwide interoperable satellite communications push-to-talk group. Their plan to complement its satellite services with a nationwide wholesale LTE network in handsets the size of a smartphone would greatly advance our ability to respond. Instant push-to-talk communications are critical to my department and our ability to protect residents and LightSquared's network would enable us to do exactly that anywhere, anytime. Moreover, there could be economies of scale that will decrease the costs of devices and services for budget-conscious agencies such as ours. So ultimately, LightSquared's network could improve our communications capability while costing less.

LightSquared's proposal to give GPS users a bigger buffer zone and instead share 5 MHz of spectrum with the government, while ensuring the integrity of government users of that 5 MHz, is a good deal for government, for us in public safety, and for the residents we serve. Law enforcement needs every tool at its disposal and as the steward of the Sugar Creek Police Department, I sincerely hope the FCC can move quickly to enable this plan to move forward.



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Herb Soule".

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cc: The Honorable Claire McCaskill  
The Honorable Roy Blunt

