



January 7, 2013

Julius Genachowski, Chairman

Federal Communications Commission

445 12th Street, SW

Washington, DC 20554

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

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

Hilliard, Ohio is a suburban community of Columbus with a population of roughly 28,000 people. While we enjoy many of the benefits of being a large suburb in a metropolitan area, Hilliard and the surrounding area is fast developing, but still contains many rural characteristics. Like many other communities across Ohio, access to affordable and reliable wireless broadband is a premium that we can only enhance or improve upon; there is no settling for the status quo.

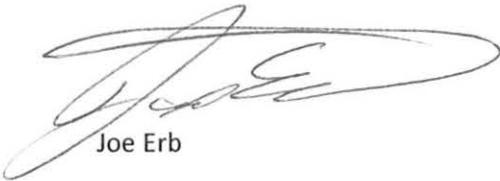
While the vast majority of Hilliard residents may have access to a broadband network very near to them, steps to not only make it more accessible but more cost friendly should be explored expeditiously. Sitting at the crossroads of major interstate highways, Hilliard has had a great deal of success in growing transportation and logistics-based companies: clearly, increasing access to affordable wireless broadband access would enhance the growth of these industries.

The high capital costs of expanding wireless infrastructure is a barrier to entry that only a handful of entities can privately finance. Therefore, the FCC should strongly weigh the benefits of all such proposals – especially those that can bring that spectrum and infrastructure online to consumers with expediency. In this regard, I am supportive of LightSquared's current proposal before the FCC because as the Technology Policy Institute states in its comment, "LightSquared remains the most immediate prospect for becoming a viable competitor in the mobile broadband space, particularly for underserved areas."

Moreover, as Ohio-based PowerNet Global Communications submitted to the FCC, "to support LightSquared's efforts is to positively champion a more robust pace for consumers' access to wireless broadband services, actualize nationwide 4G service to rural and underserved areas, as well as foster new entrants in the wireless market ... More specifically, LightSquared's wholesale-only model will allow wholesale partners to overcome the high barriers to market entry."

On behalf of myself and the residents I represent, I encourage the FCC to quickly approve the modified application of LightSquared: a privately funded broadband network that helps improve access and reliability while also being brought forward in a consumer cost effective manner is exactly the type of infrastructure communities large and small could use to continue to grow.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Erb", with a large, sweeping flourish that loops back under the name.

Joe Erb

Hilliard City Council Member

cc: Senator Sherrod Brown
Senator Rob Portman
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Congressman Bob Latta
Congressman Steve Stivers