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The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

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

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I am writing in regards to LightSquared's License Modification Application. It is my understanding you have already received many supportive comments from various stakeholders. I'd like to reiterate sentiments from parties such as the Technology Policy Institute, a think tank that said, "If LightSquared is unable to deploy its network, major economic and consumer benefits will be lost."

I live and teach school in a rural state, and our residents would undoubtedly benefit from what LightSquared is trying to do. I see it firsthand in the classroom. For one thing, online educational models that have been popular in college curricula could eventually filter down to elementary and secondary education levels in a way that supplements teaching at these levels, and I want all students to have an equal opportunity to take advantage of those opportunities.

It is my understanding LightSquared has offered to give up its rights to terrestrial use of the spectrum that caused alleged interference with GPS devices. This is more-than-fair, in my opinion, and it's a gesture I think warrants approval of the company's current request.

LightSquared's proposal is innovative, and it's the kind of arrangement that makes efficient use of our finite spectrum space, and that benefits us all.

I appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Holly Howard

cc:

U.S. Senator Mark Pryor  
U.S. Senator John Boozman  
U.S. Representative Steve Womack