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The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

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

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

Access to broadband is increasingly important to education and jobs – especially for rural parts of our country. But GPS devices and its use in precision agriculture are also important to many farming families. However, we may no longer have to choose between the two based on where we live.

I have followed the news reports regarding LightSquared and it appears there is finally a solution in the ongoing saga. LightSquared is prepared to launch a new broadband network offering more access and more competition to rural users, while ensuring that interference with GPS devices is no longer an issue.

LightSquared is offering to give up its rights to use the spectrum that caused interference with GPS devices. However, the company needs the federal government's approval to peacefully share space with a federal agency on a different band of spectrum.

Rural America definitely needs better and cheaper access to high-speed wireless services and thus benefit from growth opportunities the technology can provide. It appears there is a finally a solution.

The Commission should approve of LightSquared's request so it can deploy its network. This seems only fair when the company is giving up its other spectrum to protect GPS devices.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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cc: U.S. Senator Blunt
U.S. Senator McCaskill