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

Re: Reply Comments to Dockets 12-1863, 12-340, RM-11683

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

As we continue to try to work our way out of the economic recession, we need every tool at our disposal to help Americans be competitive in this global economy. This includes access to education opportunities, job skills and reliable transportation. Another important component to the mix is innovation and technology, including wireless broadband.

I recognize the FCC's efforts to expand the availability of wireless broadband, but I believe you must do more. I know you and the other Commissioners recognize how broadband technologies can drive innovation, promote capital investment and create jobs and thus, greater economic prosperity. But we cannot wait any longer - time is of the essence

It is this sense of urgency that has prompted my letter to you today. I want to encourage the Commission to grant the license modification application for LightSquared. LightSquared is prepared to launch a new wireless broadband service at a time when demand for mobile broadband is driving prices and congestion through the roof and holding back our economic recovery.

LightSquared's proposal will forego spectrum that was believed to cause interference and instead share spectrum with the federal government. This is a reasonable solution to allow the company to move forward. I sincerely hope you will approve the LightSquared application to allow for this new, competitive broadband network and hopefully, greater economic prosperity for us all.

Sincerely,

Crystal Williams
Jackson County Legislator
Second District At-Large

cc: The Honorable Claire McCaskill
The Honorable Roy Blunt