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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
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Re: Reply Comments to DA 12-1863, IB Docket No. 12-340; RM-11683

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

The Lafayette County Board for Sheltered Services works with individuals with developmental disabilities by partnering in the development and provision of programs and supports that encourage their full participation in the community. It is essential that we are able to reach many of our clients and their family members without spotty coverage, dropped calls, and slow data speeds.

Beyond simply communications, however, wireless innovation has become increasingly important to individuals, schools and small businesses. Arguably, it is nearly impossible for any business or organization to be successful without wireless technology and innovative solutions. As such, the Commission should do everything in its power to help all of us – regardless of where we live – access emerging wireless technology.

From recent news stories, I have become intrigued and want to lend my voice on behalf of LightSquared and its desire to build out a new wireless broadband network for the American people. I understand that LightSquared has put forth a solution to move forward from the debate surrounding interference that dominated the news last year. The company is willing to let some of their spectrum go unused to protect GPS devices if the FCC will allow the company to share spectrum with the federal government. In the company's filing, LightSquared states unequivocally that it will use the relevant shared spectrum "in a manner that will protect the integrity of continuing, essential government operations." I hope the Commission will approve LightSquared's request to modify its license so it can provide a new nationwide wireless broadband service. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Marcus Whitlock, Executive Director
Lafayette County Board of Sheltered Services

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