

From the desk of Thad Skowronski

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

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

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

Every day I drive to work from my rural home to Kalamazoo where I'm employed by a management company. The area I live has limited cell phone coverage at best. The 10 miles of roads to get to coverage can be snow covered, dark and littered with deer. When my wife and kids drive, they are essentially in the "dark" if anything bad were to happen.

Aside from the safety component I mentioned above, our economy has benefited greatly from the mobile broadband network. Thousands upon thousands of new good jobs along with billions of dollars in investments have been generated by this relatively new industry.

The Federal Communications Commission is to be commended for the role they have played in providing spectrum and oversight for this tremendous growth. I, and others, believe that there is much more that can be done to continue these advancements.

One such example is LightSquared. The company has invested heavily in this field and is on the verge of the leading the way forward for another growth spurt in the industry. More jobs will be created and further investments will be made in a variety of different areas. We need this for my state, Michigan, as well as the rest of the country.

LightSquared's proposal pending before the FCC presents a sound plan to allow them to proceed. It is my hope that the FCC will act quickly and approve this request.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Thad Skowronski, Father

cc:

Senator Carl Levin
Senator Debbie Stabenow
Representative Fred Upton