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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 Period

Dear Mr. Genachowski:

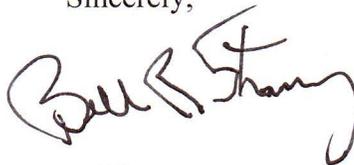
In the past, I have written to a number of Federal officials, including the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"), urging them to help LightSquared help rural America by launching its 4G network, consisting of both satellites and traditional cellular towers. Today, I write again to strongly urge the FCC to approve the License Modification Application filed by LightSquared.

PowerNet Global Communications, an Ohio based cellular provider it the nail on the head when it wrote: "LightSquared's proposal to permanently relinquish terrestrial use of the "upper 10 MHz" and to share 5 MHz of federal spectrum in the wholesale provision of LTE service nationwide will enhance competition significantly by facilitating the ability of new providers to enter local, regional, and nationwide markets and serve customers."

This points out exactly what I meant in my earlier letter when I wrote that this is an issue of vital importance to rural Kentucky, and to the nation, because spectrum is a finite resource and an increasingly valuable one. We forget that there are limits on things like broadcast spectrum, and that we need to utilize all of the spectrum available to us as we try to keep our nation competitive in the world market.

Eastern Kentucky is a region which faces many problems, economic, societal, and those relating to public safety. The one thing that these problems have in common is that good, reliable, broadband and cell phone service in rural areas will help solve every one of them. I strongly urge the FCC to grant LightSquared's application so that it can move forward with implementing its 4G network.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Strong". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

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