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

Re: LightSquared, RM-11683, IB Docket No. 12-340,
Reply Period

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I write to support the application of LightSquared for a license modification. As County Judge Executive of Clark County, Kentucky, a rural county just east of Lexington, Kentucky, I have a deep interest in seeing my constituents, even those living in rural areas, have the opportunity for good cell phone service and broadband wireless internet service.

In thinking about how to bring good coverage to rural areas, I often worry about the cost of building the facilities it would take. One of the comments made to the FCC by the Competitive Carriers' Association, which has members who provide services in rural areas, was, "Given CCA's members' current need for usable spectrum, the wholesale capacity, as LightSquared has indicated will be offered on its network, represents a potential alternative pathway to 4G, particularly for competitive carriers seeking a nationwide footprint and enhanced speeds, but facing additional, well-documented challenges in deploying their own 4G networks."

In other words, CCA believes that LightSquared can level the playing field by allowing small companies who could never individually develop the type of system necessary to reach small rural communities can do so by using its new 4G network. As far as I can tell, this is the only system out there that can work, and that can provide the type of coverage that America needs.

Therefore, as the County Judge Executive of a rural Kentucky county, I respectfully urge the FCC to grant LightSquared's application for a license modification. Thank you for the opportunity to make these comments.

Sincerely yours,


Henry Branham,
Clark County Judge Executive

