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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

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

Dear Secretary Dortch:

As a Virginian, I'm always eager to advocate on behalf of home-state companies like Reston-based LightSquared. Anytime we have a local business employing local folks, that's a good thing. When it comes to this company, I must say that I've been rather troubled at the woes it has faced in pursuing its plan to build out a new wireless network. While I'm glad to support the firm simply because it's a Virginia company, I'm even more willing to advocate on its behalf because I'm convinced its business plan could have a tremendous impact on so much of our country.

All of our cell phone and cable bills continue to skyrocket, and it seems like the costs associated with technological advancements keep going higher and higher. Data plans ... sharing plans ... bundled packages ... more and more money we have to pay every month, at a time when so many of us are struggling financially. It pains me to watch my family be so concerned with making ends meet. And frankly, I firmly believe that LightSquared's wholesale business plan will inject much-needed competition and choice into the wireless market and, hopefully, lead to lower prices for monthly service. How in the world can you not be for that?

Please -- not just because it's a local shop, but more importantly because of the economic ripple effects I'm convinced will result -- approve LightSquared's license modification and latest proposals. I'm grateful for the opportunity to comment, and I certainly appreciate your consideration of my viewpoint.

Sincerely,

/s/

Sheryl Owen