

## United States Senate

July 31, 2013

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Chairwoman Mignon Clyburn  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Chairwoman  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554-0005

Dear Chairwoman Clyburn:

I write concerning the Federal Communication Commission's efforts to ensure that consumers in underserved parts of our country can participate and benefit from the mobile broadband economy. As you know, the exponentially increasing demand for wireless services indicates that the economy is primed to continue growing significantly via this sector. However, inadequate mobile broadband spectrum supply threatens to discourage consumption and innovation in the mobile industry. Moreover, hundreds of thousands of Americans across the country are *still* precluded from fully participating in the mobile economy.

Without commercialization of new additional spectrum, current consumers will face higher costs and slower service as congestion builds, and our constituents in underserved areas will continue to be without access to mobile broadband. I understand that the Commission was presented with a proposal 10 months ago by LightSquared to put underutilized spectrum to work for mobile broadband. The proposal to use this spectrum could potentially spur our economy in in the near term – especially to our constituents in underserved areas.

The public interest benefits that would flow from a near-term deployment of new spectrum to American consumers and underserved areas of our country merits Commission action on LightSquared's proposal. The Commission's latest Mobile Wireless Competition Report notes that one-third of rural America still does not have access to mobile broadband services. LightSquared's proposal provides the Commission with a viable, near-term option to competitively deploy more mobile broadband spectrum and to bridge the digital divide. I urge you to work with LightSquared and take additional, prompt action on their proposal.

Regards,



BRIAN SCHATZ  
United States Senator



## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

November 21, 2013

Mignon L. Clyburn  
Commissioner

The Honorable Brian Schatz  
United States Senate  
722 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Schatz:

Thank you for your letter urging the Commission to act on LightSquared's proposal to use spectrum for a new wireless mobile broadband service. Your views are very important and your letter will be included in the record of the related proceedings and considered as part of the Commission's review.

LightSquared has submitted various filings proposing alternatives to its existing authorizations. LightSquared submitted its most recent proposal to the Commission on July 15, 2013, and the Commission's International Bureau placed LightSquared's proposal on Public Notice for comment on August 7, 2013. The comment cycle concluded on September 23, 2013, and Commission staff currently is reviewing these filings and the complex technical issues associated with LightSquared's proposals.

I appreciate your interest in this matter. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mignon L. Clyburn", written in a cursive style.

Mignon L. Clyburn