

December 5, 2013

The Honorable Tom Wheeler  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Iridium Constellation LLC Petition for Rulemaking to Promote Expanded  
Mobile Satellite Service in the Big LEO MSS Band – RM-11697*

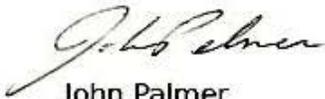
Dear Chairman Wheeler:

I am writing to express my support for the continued provision of SPOT services. Over Labor Day in 2012, I was mountain biking in Ashland, Oregon with my daughter. Next thing I knew, she was lying in the trail after falling hard from a jump. It was the worst moment of my life and I immediately activated my SPOT (being in a dense forest, SPOT is what you can rely on).

A few hours later, my daughter was being transported to a hospital and fortunately, there was no neurological damage. Spinal instrumentation was used to stabilize her spine and allow for healing of the repaired ligaments. Three months postoperatively, she is doing well and will hopefully get to return to biking at some point.

Without SPOT, who knows what condition my daughter would be in today. As for cell phone coverage, it's fine if and when you have it. I choose to rely on SPOT and hope others do so as well to keep people like my daughter alive and well.

Best Regards,



John Palmer

cc: Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel  
Commissioner Ajit Pai  
Commissioner Michael O'Rielly