



March 6, 2014

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

Re: *Revision of Part 15 of the Commission's Rules*  
ET Docket No. 13-49

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

I am a President and CEO of the Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio. We coordinate disaster preparedness with hospitals and healthcare facilities in an 18 county region. Twenty-six (26) of these hospitals currently have a Globalstar fixed phone which serves as a redundant communications link in case of emergency or natural disaster. In addition, HCNO has two portable satellite phone units to support continuity of operations during emergencies.

After Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, we studied the challenges faced by hospitals in the wake of these natural disasters. It was at this time that we realized the importance of having satellite communications capabilities in times of emergency. We subsequently purchased our Globalstar phones and incorporated them as an integral part of our emergency preparedness plan.

We take emergency preparedness/disaster recovery planning very seriously. To ensure our ongoing preparedness, we conduct a monthly test of our satellite communications to ensure that they are in working order. We also use our satellite phones for brief conference calls during regional drills and other communications exercises on a periodic basis.

We have been informed that the FCC is currently considering allowing cable companies to deploy an unlimited number of outdoor Wi-Fi access points which will operate on the same 5 GHz spectrum as our Globalstar phones. Please be aware that it is critical that the FCC protect these phones from harmful interference from other devices. We depend on our Globalstar

phones to be able to provide service in emergency situations when it is most needed by the patients and the communities the regional hospital serve.

We ask that the FCC take whatever measures necessary to protect Globalstar devices from potential interference so that they can continue to provide reliable redundant communications in emergency situations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "W. Scott Fry".

W. Scott Fry  
President & CEO  
Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio