



**WILLIAM D. BURNS**

ALDERMAN, 4TH WARD  
435 EAST 35TH STREET  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60616  
TELEPHONE: 773-536-8103  
FAX: 773-536-7296



**CITY COUNCIL**  
**CITY OF CHICAGO**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBER**

CITY HALL – ROOM 200  
121 NORTH LASALLE STREET  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602  
TELEPHONE 312-744-2690

**COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS**

COMMITTEES, RULES AND ETHICS

FINANCE

HOUSING AND REAL ESTATE

PEDESTRIAN AND TRAFFIC SAFETY

TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WAY

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND AUDIT

February 26, 2014

Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioners of the FCC:

I am writing to encourage you to approve the petition submitted by Leap Wireless that would allow access to their 700 MHz A-block spectrum for mobile broadband products.

As Alderman of the 4<sup>th</sup> ward representing Chicago's South Side and Hyde Park, I see great value in improving the quality of broadband services using spectrum that would be particularly beneficial to the underserved members of my constituency. Making these frequencies available for mobile broadband is vitally important to meet the spectrum demands that arise from an increasing number of users and services. As FCC Commissioner Mignon Clyburn stated late last year, these services are no longer a luxury and that high-speed Internet connectivity "is essential to getting an education, receiving quality health care, and staying connected with family and community."

President Obama's urgent call to increase spectrum for mobile broadband services across the country is for good reason – to ensure America's future competitiveness and global technology leadership. Leap's spectrum will help further this goal by adding capacity and reducing pressure on Chicago's increasingly crowded spectrum. As more and more connected devices and services hit my constituent's hands, we urge you to ensure that we can all move forward in this mobile digital age without being hampered by the congestion caused by spectrum crowding.

It is my understanding that the competing interest for this spectrum represents a mere handful of affected parties as opposed to the millions of people who would benefit from greater spectrum capacity. By permitting the deployment of mobile broadband services on this spectrum, the Commission will truly serve the greater good and promote the public interest.

My hope is that you will make an expeditious decision and allow this spectrum to be used for mobile broadband services. I appreciate your careful consideration.

Sincerely,

William D. Burns  
Alderman, 4<sup>th</sup> Ward