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The Honorable Kevin J. Martin
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Dear Chairman Martin:

I understand that the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") has pending before it an application by Globalstar LLC, a California-based company, for authority to incorporate an "ancillary terrestrial component" ("ATC") into its existing Mobile Satellite Services ("MSS") business. I am writing to urge the FCC to take prompt action on Globalstar's application.

If granted, company officials have explained that ATC authority will enable Globalstar to significantly enhance its ability to provide MSS services in response to emergencies and natural disasters by, among other things, enhancing the satellite signal to allow for indoor use of the phones. First responders, emergency providers, and government agencies throughout the country will benefit by these improvements as they face natural disasters or other emergencies in the future.

Given the importance of ATC services to Globalstar as a company, and to the public safety customers who rely on Globalstar's services, I would encourage expedited consideration of the company's ATC application. Globalstar filed its application nine months ago. Ample time has passed, in my view, to permit substantive consideration of the company's filing. With financing decisions expected in January that will affect Globalstar, I hope the FCC can complete its review in short order.

I do not advocate a particular outcome on Globalstar's ATC application. Rather, I believe sufficient time has passed for the FCC to make a decision and thus would urge prompt consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

CC: Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein

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