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

Dear Secretary Marlene H. Dortch:

I am writing to encourage you to support expanded development of wireless broadband, which may eventually benefit economic development in northeastern Minnesota including the area where our business, Nemadji Research Corporation, is located. I have recently learned of an application pending before the Federal Communications Commission to offer an integrated nationwide satellite 4G network that will allow universal cell-phone and internet connectivity throughout the entire United States on behalf of LightSquared, a national telecommunications company.

Nemadji Research Corporation (NRC) is a family owned for-profit corporation with 49 employees based on our proprietary software with a commitment to advance the quality of our technology in order to provide innovative and state of the art services to our customers. We envision moving forward in additional areas of technology to provide a greater array of services, but we can only do as much as technology allows. We have located our business in rural Minnesota for the purpose of being able to provide quality jobs in our community but the high cost of broadband capacity in our area is actually prohibitive. **For instance, we pay \$2,000 monthly for the similar service available in the Twin cities for \$50.**

We need reliable and affordable broadband to continue to grow high-paying high-tech jobs in our area.

I urge you to support the Federal Communications Commission's process and to encourage it to reach a timely decision. But I also ask that the FCC include in its approval the condition that this development include rural areas and fosters the partners necessary to provide the service to businesses like mine in an affordable manner. There is no question that the major markets are generally a company's main market, it only makes economic sense. Yet, LightSquared could well be the company that gets the ball rolling for band width in rural America.

Sincerely,

Rebecca J. Lourey,
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