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The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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Re: IB Docket No. 11-109 / Reply Comments / Public Notice

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

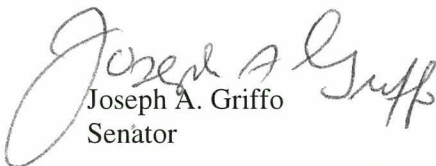
As a State Senator who represents parts of rural upstate New York, I fully understand the significant affect the lack of access to wireless broadband services can have on the lives of everyday people. I write to you today encourage the FCC to carefully consider the importance of a regulatory process that promotes smart policies that will allow companies, such as LightSquared, to develop 4G LTE networks and bring needed competition to the high-speed wireless broadband market, and most importantly coverage to rural areas of our state and country.

The 47th State Senate District comprises significant areas where my constituents do not have any access to the internet, much less high-speed wireless broadband. The lack of access presents a public safety risk and hinders my district and ultimately our state from engaging in the economic benefits presented by the information age.

Business as usual in the wireless broadband market is not helping our nation. It is time to look forward and find solutions to the interference issues between LightSquared's proposed network and our nation's GPS systems so that we can bring broadband coverage to the rural parts of our state and country – now is the time to act.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Joseph A. Griffo
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