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The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554
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Dear Mr. Chairman,

On behalf of the 230 member airlines of the International Air Transport Association (IATA), I am writing to express our strong opposition to the waiver of the "integrated service" rule granted to LightSquared Subsidiary LLC (LightSquared) for its Mobile Satellite Service license in the L Band.

Specifically, we are concerned that interference from the proposed LightSquared system will impact Global Positioning System (GPS) frequencies, which are used by airline operations around the world for critical navigation, communication, and surveillance services that are essential for aviation safety.

We are particularly alarmed that interference to GPS signals will directly impact the U.S. Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen), an air traffic modernization effort strongly endorsed by the Obama Administration, which uses the GPS as the basis of its technology.

IATA is a strong proponent of NextGen and endorses its implementation to improve safety, increase efficiency, and reduce aviation's environmental footprint. We urge the Commission to take all necessary steps to ensure that GPS service provision is not compromised in any way by the LightSquared system.

Sincerely,

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