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Federal Communications Commission
RE: Public Comments on SAT-MOD-20101118-00239

To Whom It May Concern:

The Georgia Agribusiness Council represents the state of Georgia’s largest industry – agriculture. Our members and their counterparts employ more than 380,000 employees each year, contributing to a vibrant economy in both rural and urban settings.

The agriculture industry in Georgia enjoys the benefits of technological advancement on a daily basis. Breakthroughs in seed development, irrigation productivity, and global positioning systems used on tractors, spreaders, sprayers and harvesters have increased productivity, reduced input costs and helped preserve our natural resources. Further, broadband has connected our industry to a host of networks otherwise left untouched. We are thankful for the possibilities that these technologies have provided.

I am writing today to express my concern with technology currently being developed by LightSquared Subsidiary, LLC. As you know, GPS technology has the potential to become starkly ineffective if LightSquared or another company developing a similar product continues to deploy and sell their service. The working group created because of these concerns proved definitively that because the frequencies were next to each other, there would be interference with GPS if the new technology were installed.

We are thankful for the investment of companies in rural areas and understand the important role broadband connections will play in the daily lives of Americans in the future, but this should not come at the expense of GPS technology.

It is our hope and request that technology that displays strong interferences will not be allowed to use the band near GPS. This would allow new developments to continue, while also preserving an important component to the everyday lives of most Americans, especially those in the agriculture industry.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments regarding this important issue and please feel free to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Respectfully,

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