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The Honorable Michael Powell, Chairman  
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Federal Communications Commission  
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Re: Docket No. 02-364

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to express my concern that the Commission is considering taking away spectrum now used by Globalstar, a Milpitas-based company that provides satellite phone service. I understand that this issue is now on the agenda for the Commission's meeting on June 10, 2004, and I believe that it would be precipitous and unwise for the Commission to rule on this matter at this time.

As you may know, Globalstar emerged from bankruptcy on April 15, 2004, in large part due to its strong revenue growth. In fact, Globalstar's revenues have increased on an annual basis by eight-fold. Given the company's recent performance, this is not the time to pull the rug out from under Globalstar.

Today, by all accounts, there is strong demand for Globalstar's service from a host of users. In particular, agencies of the federal government, including the defense community, as well as state and local governments are using Globalstar's services. Moreover, there is also strong demand from both the public and private sector for innovative future services under development by Globalstar. These services could have significant benefits in the national effort to bolster homeland security.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the Commission remove the item on the June 10<sup>th</sup> agenda relating to this matter. Instead, I ask that the Commission give Globalstar the chance to enhance its operations in the wake of its bankruptcy, and that the Commission undertake a comprehensive review of this matter before taking any action.

Sincerely,

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