

# United States Senate

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The Honorable Mignon Clyburn  
Acting Chairwoman  
Federal Communications Commission  
Room 8-C445  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Acting Chairwoman Clyburn:

I respectfully request your attention to the situation with Globalstar, Inc. located in Covington, Louisiana. It is my understanding that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is currently reviewing a petition for rulemaking that would allow Globalstar to utilize its mobile satellite spectrum for terrestrial mobile broadband services.

It is a pleasure for me to inform you of my support for this petition. As you know, Hurricane Katrina and the subsequent Federal levee breaks devastated New Orleans. Satellite-based communications were vitally important when terrestrial communications networks became overloaded and failed after this disaster. After Katrina, Globalstar had over ten thousand satellite phones operating in the Gulf Coast region. As a result, I believe that allowing Globalstar the ability to continue providing these services well into the future will provide additional coverage and capacity in such post-disaster situations. In addition to these disaster-related benefits, I also note Globalstar's offer of 20,000 free terrestrial low-power service access points to schools, libraries and hospitals. Both of these objectives would benefit greatly from swift FCC action on Globalstar's petition.

I believe you will find the petition to be exemplary in every way, and I would appreciate that you give it every appropriate consideration, within the applicable guidelines, during the review. In closing, I ask for any information that you may now provide on this matter and look forward to hearing from you about the final decision. Should you have any questions, please contact me or my Policy Director, Brian van Hook, at (202) 224-2747.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,



Mary L. Landrieu  
United States Senator

Cc: The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner, FCC  
The Honorable Ajit Pai, Commissioner, FCC