

What They're Saying



It is imperative that the FCC resolve these questions, make its decision on spectrum, and move forward. The bottom line is that we have to move decisively to auction the C-Band spectrum and bring resolution on the L-Band. Our economic future is at stake. We have to bear in mind in making these spectrum decisions, that given the narrow window we face, the risk of losing the 5G struggle with China should vastly outweigh all other considerations.

—UNITED STATES ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAM BARR



This 35 MHz is not just one spectrum option to advance 5G. Properly understood, it is absolutely critical to a viable U.S. 5G deployment strategy.

—DANIEL GOLDIN, FORMER NASA ADMINISTRATOR



CCA urges you to swiftly approve the use of the L-Band frequencies, which could bring additional critical mid-band spectrum online this year. A key differentiator of the L-Band proceeding is that the associated spectrum can be deployed immediately in support of 5G services. Additionally, as both Ericsson and Nokia have determined, the proposed use of those frequencies are complementary to 5G uses of other bands, such as the C-Band.

—COMPETITIVE CARRIERS ASSOCIATION (CCA)



CTIA has long advocated for measures that bring new spectrum to market and promote innovation, investment, and competition. The Commission should act promptly on Ligado's license modification request.



These efforts by Ligado to bring more spectrum to market deserve the Commission's prompt attention.

—CTIA



Ligado has sought to meet every reasonable interference-based objection. It deserves a straight up and down vote on its ending application. Because grant of the Application as modified would provide new services without creating harmful interference to existing users, the Commission should grant the application as modified.

—PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE



The efforts of Ligado go above and beyond to protect sensitive neighbors, and it is time to see this spectrum put to a more socially beneficial use.

—INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION FOUNDATION (ITIF)



Ligado has proven that it is a good partner, and it will take ample steps to mitigate potential harm. It has addressed the concerns of other parties, including offering proven plans to upgrade outdated equipment to achieve better outcomes. The company deserves the right to try, and the many industries, millions of consumers, and thousands of potential employees, deserve to enjoy this next generation technology – as well as better and more resilient GPS systems. As the private sector has stepped up, now it's time for the government to do its part.

—ROSLYN LAYTON, AMERICAN ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE (AEI)



The 35 MHz of mid-band Ligado spectrum represents a significant potential contribution to U.S. leadership in 5G. The Commission, together with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, have been attempting to move more spectrum into the private sector, particularly by freeing up government spectrum. Failure to approve the Ligado license modifications would have the opposite effect, transferring a large block of spectrum from the commercial sector back to the government.

—TECHNOLOGY POLICY INSTITUTE (TPI)



Given the tremendous value of the L-band spectrum and the potential economic benefits – potentially in the hundreds of billions of dollars – to be realized from putting it to use, further delay in considering Ligado's hybrid terrestrial-satellite network application is costly. Acting on the application presents an opportunity to further America's advancement in the global race to 5G and to enable next-generation IoT services.

—FREE STATE FOUNDATION