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August 10, 2000

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
455-12th Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20544

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Re: Ultra-Wideband
ET Docket 98-153

Dear Ms. Salas:

It is my understanding that Time Domain Corporation is in need of the FCC's Notice of Proposed Rule Making on Ultra-Wideband radio to be approved for the continuation of this technology to provide life saving and efficient operational opportunities to agencies such as ours.

The Irmo Fire District is a progressive, proactive fire department in South Carolina. We were the 1st fire department in the state to have thermal imaging capabilities over three years ago. We are currently involved in a research & development phase for a new training product not yet manufactured in the United States. We are greatly concerned with firefighter safety and accountability in our emergency operations and feel the Ultra-Wideband will be beneficial in many areas of our mission. The benefits of Ultra-Wideband will allow our department to be used at several incidents at the same time due to its shorter-range characteristics.

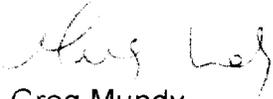
1999 was a horrible year for firefighter deaths. To remember our six brothers lost in a burning building in Worcester, MA and to know the technology is as close as it is, but the critical factor of the approval from the FCC does not permit the ultra-wideband to be completed is disturbing to us in the fire service. Your prompt response to the approval will greatly enhance the safety of today's firefighters and the persons responsible for their welfare.

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I encourage the granting of Ultra-Wideband requested by Time Domain Corporation!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Mundy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G" and a stylized "M".

Greg Mundy
Deputy Chief