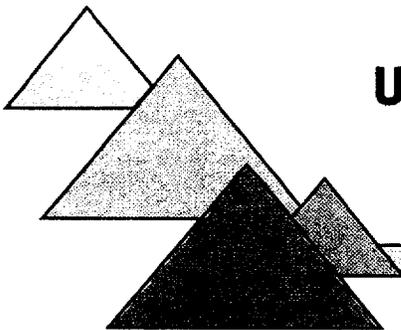


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RE: Ultra-Wideband
ET Docket 98-153

Hancock
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Dear Ms. Salas:

Hawkins
Bulls Gap
Church Hill
Mount Carmel
Rogersville
Surgoinville

I am writing to you in response to the FCC's Notice of Proposed Rule Making on ultra-wideband radio technology that could be used to save the lives of our seniors. As Director of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Northeast Tennessee, I definitely feel that if this technology could be made available to seniors and saved the life of just one of our seniors, then it would truly be worth it.

Johnson
Butler
Mountain City

Most of our senior volunteers are at least 70 years of age or older and have been with our program for many years. A majority of them are widowed and live alone and have health that is not as good as it used to be. If these seniors were given this technology, they would feel safer in their home environment or while they are out and about knowing that if they were to experience some health problem or were involved in a catastrophe, their device would summon the help they need in a fast and timely manner.

Sullivan
Blountville
Bluff City
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I look forward to hearing, very soon, that the FCC has made a positive decision about ultra-wideband radio technology so that seniors can lead a better quality life without the fear of being alone with no help available if something were to happen to them.

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Sincerely,

Ruth Phillips, Director
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