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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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Dear Ms. Salas:

I am writing regarding the FCC's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on ultra-wideband radio (Ultra-Wideband ET Docket 98-153), and my concern regarding the sometimes undue delay of the regulatory process.

There is no question that new technology is the major impetus of the economic growth that we are experiencing in the United States. In order for the new technologies to survive it is imperative that these technologies should not experience undue regulatory delays which most certainly discourage the vital infusion of venture capital into the domain of "regulated technology". Winners and losers in the technology marketplace should be determined by the strength of the technology – not regulatory hurdles. Ultra-wideband is a technology with much potential. It was developed in the United States, and the United States should benefit from the many possible applications. Undue and unnecessary regulatory hurdles will most certainly open the door for foreign companies and countries to develop and apply the technology.

I understand and greatly appreciate the role played by the FCC in approving and regulating new technologies, and am confident that the FCC will insure that ultra-wideband will comply with reasonable regulations insuring public safety. On the other hand, I hope that while you are taking the proper precautions when reviewing the technology, the FCC will move forward promptly in making a decision which will enable ultra-wideband to be a safe, vital component of the United States' technology spectrum.

Thank you for your consideration, and best wishes for continued success in the vital role that the FCC plays in the development of American technology.

Sincerely,

Thomas V. Beard

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