



THE ARC OF TENNESSEE

A state organization on mental retardation and other disabilities

August 31, 2000

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
455-12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

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RE: Ultra-Wideband
ET Docket 98-153

Dear Ms. Salas:

I am writing you in response to the FCC's Notice of Proposed Rule Making on ultra-wideband radio.

I am the Executive Director of the Arc of Tennessee, a statewide grassroots advocacy organization of mostly volunteers who want to improve the lives of people with Mental retardation and other disabilities.

Our organization is excited by the potential application of the communications and radar features of ultra-wideband technology in regards to remote monitoring individuals with developmental disabilities. Although many of these people do not need constant assistance, technology of this type could provide for the level of assistance to enable them to live on their own in a home of their own. It would eliminate the need for 24-hour supervision and enable provider organizations to provide the support only when needed.

The Arc of Tennessee would like to see the FCC come to a quick and positive decisions regarding ultra-wideband radio technology so that the technology can will be available for the people we represent.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Walter F. Rogers in cursive.

Walter F. Rogers
Executive Director

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