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

RE: Ultra-Wideband

ET Docket 98-153

Dear Ms. Salas,

I am employed by the Terrebonne Sheriff's Office and have been for the past 34.5 years. This communication is in regards the FCC's Notice of Proposed Rule Making on ultra-wideband radio, and how I think through-the-wall radar might benefit law enforcement and other emergency respondents.

We get calls from citizens who have not seen their elderly neighbors for days at a time. I feel there is certain hesitancy by those good intended neighbors to call the law to check on their neighbors, because they don't want to be a party to a necessary forced entry into the homes of the potential victims. I believe the verification process would be greatly shortened, by getting medical help quicker and in some cases preventing death. Earlier discovery would shorten the agony of families.

Our narcotics agents, almost on a weekly basis, have to make forced search warrant entries in confiscating drugs and to make arrests. They have no idea who or what is behind the doors they enter. We have had many instances where the perpetrator has used innocent persons to hinder an operation. I can remember one where a three-year-old child was placed to sleep on the floor, so that she would be an alarm in event of law enforcement's entry. Entry into that home was by kicking in a solid old time wooden door. It came to rest about three inches from the child, and rendered a psychological effect on those officers. It was also undue trauma for the child, even though her parents caused it.

In another case we had a Deputy Sheriff who went off the deep end, killed one woman in a bank, and forced several other females in the bank to perform sexual acts. He killed one of the cashiers before the ordeal was over. That cashier, a single parent, left behind an 8-year-old daughter. It is my feeling that with short range digitized radar some, if not all, of that could have been prevented. We had no way to know where the women were compared to the suspect. Had we had through-the-wall capabilities I believe we might have been able to capture the suspect without loss of the young lady's life and possibly prevented the terrible ordeal the others went through.

I, like the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the 60,000 plus firefighters and emergency responders in this country, would like to see the Technology continue to advance in this field. Only with the approval of the FCC can this become a reality.

In Law Enforcement

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