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Re: Ultra-Wideband
ET Docket 98-153

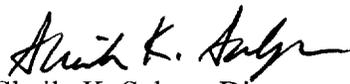
Dear Ms. Salas:

I am writing to urge the Federal Communications Commission to approve the new Ultra Wideband technology. As the Director of a large Senior Center we are interested in providing individuals resources to help them remain independent and safe in their own homes or community as long as possible.

After reviewing the Ultra Wideband device, it appears this type of assistive technology would allow seniors to feel safer living independently in their own homes or senior communities. For example, when a fire occurred at one of the local apartment complexes it was difficult to know if all the seniors had safely reached the outside of the building. Had the Ultra Wideband been available at that time, fire personnel could have determined immediately if anyone remained in the building, decreasing the risk of seniors dying because they could not evacuate their residence.

Also, many of our seniors live alone and would benefit from an affordable means of adding a greater sense of security to their living environment. I support the Federal Communications commission to move forward promptly to approve the Ultra Wideband technology so our seniors will have viable, safe alternatives for remaining in their homes and communities.

Sincerely,


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