



Illinois' Voice on Mental Illness

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Secretary Magalie Roman Salas
Federal Communications Commission
455 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Secretary Salas:

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

Some persons who belong to our organization find that their ill person needs a great deal of supervision for the activities of daily living such as managing their medications, learning how to safely use a stove because they forgot to turn off burners, etc. Many people with such illnesses also smoke heavily. Families worry about their loved one, many of whom live alone without supervision and supports.

Because there is a lack of necessary supervised housing in our state, the ability to assist emergency personnel in finding someone who is in a burning apartment or who has suffered a seizure or other medical emergency would be a benefit to the families with whom we work.

NAMI Illinois hopes that the FCC will make a positive decision regarding ultra-wideband radio technology, so that such technology will be available for the people we assist.

Sincerely,

Randy Wells
Executive Director

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