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

RE: Ultra-Wideband  
ET Docket 98-153

Dear Ms. Salas:

I am writing in response to the FCC's Notice of Proposed Rule Making on Ultra-Wideband (UWB) radio. I have reviewed the information about the UWB technology. The actual types of technologies that it may spawn are still undefined at this time, but it's future is *very* promising. To that end, as an emergency service provider, I believe that this technology could be a great help in the emergency services field ranging from earthquake rescue; to seeing inside of structures; to enhanced radio communication.

As you know, this past summer has been devastating in Montana for wildfires. Even though we are a City Fire Department, our firefighters assisted the wildland crews with numerous fires in our area. Radio communication is a vital part of wildland firefighting. I truly believe this technology could assist us in our efforts in years to come.

Therefore, I support Time Domain's request to move forward on it's development of the Ultra-Wide Technology and urge the FCC approve the use of the UWB technology.

Sincerely,

Steve Larson, Fire Chief  
Helena Fire Department

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