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*"That which the fountain sends forth  
returns again to the fountain"*

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

September 11, 2000

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
455 - 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20544

Dear Ms. Salas:

I am writing to express my comments regarding the FCC Notice of Proposed Rule Making on Ultra-Wideband Radio Technology, specifically the PulsON technology of TimeDomain. I received information on this technology initially by fax from TimeDomain, and then decided to do some research of my own. As a native of Huntsville, Alabama, and the daughter of a "rocket scientist" (as described in the USAToday article from April 9, 1999) from NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center, I was pleased to see that this new development comes from my hometown.

My research and reading helped me determine that there is indeed a wealth of possibility regarding this form of micro-pulse communication and tracking, not just for the elderly population I serve, but for everyone. Certainly, the ability to monitor the well-being of homebound or frail senior citizens or to transmit vital health information to emergency personnel sounds worth pursuing. I can see the value in better ground-tracking systems for pilots and collision-warning systems, also.

In conclusion, I see great potential in this new ultra-wide band technology, but I do hope for considerably more testing for safety and for reasonable regulations before it is fully released in the marketplace. I hope my opinions on this topic are helpful to you in making your ruling.

Sincerely,

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