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The ALS Association is the only nonprofit national voluntary health organization dedicated solely to the fight against Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease) through research, patient support, information dissemination and public awareness.

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September 11, 2000

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

SUBJECT: 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 radio. As the Director of Awareness and Development for the ALS Association, Keith Worthington Chapter, Central Missouri office, I feel this technology could greatly improve the quality of life for ALS patients.

The ALS Association – Keith Worthington Chapter's sole purpose is to provide care and support to the individuals and families who are affected by Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease.

ALS, is a cruel, insidious and fatal disease. Once individuals are diagnosed with ALS, they have approximately 2 to 5 years to live. Quickly, they change from being healthy, active and involved people to becoming prisoners in their own bodies: unable to speak, move, and eventually to swallow and breathe. While their muscles deplete and paralysis sets in, their minds are not affected. Individuals affected by ALS are painfully aware of what is happening to them.

The family members and caregivers of individuals living with ALS experience physical, emotional and financial hardships that can be devastating. They struggle with caring for a paralyzed person who is robbed of the ability to communicate.

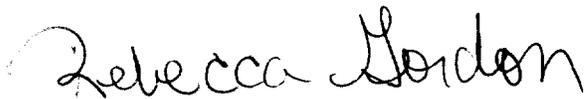
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This new technology offers new options for our patients and their caregivers. Giving independence back to the ALS sufferer and assurance to the families that love them.

I urge you to swiftly move forward in your process. The quality of life for ALS patients and other seniors lay in you hands.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca Gordon". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Rebecca Gordon
Director of Awareness and Development