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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas  
 Secretary  
 Federal Communications Commission  
 455 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
 Washington, DC 20554



Re: Ultra-Wideband ET Docket 98-153

Dear Secretary Salas:

In response to the FCC's Notice of Proposed Rule Making hearing on ultra-wideband radio, I am writing to support this initiative, and to give you some background on our statewide organization.

NAMI Tennessee is an advocacy and education organization, which serves families of persons with severe and persistent mental illnesses. We are a non-profit group, with our thirty-two volunteer affiliates located throughout the state. We advocate for improved services, including the access to appropriate housing for persons with mental illnesses.

It is important to us to know that persons in homeless shelters, or in supportive living facilities will be able to be served in cases of emergencies by personnel knowledgeable about the innovative communication systems which wideband radio can deliver. There are instances when persons on medications for brain disorders have medical emergencies which call for immediate action to save a life. This technology could prove to be life-saving in such instances.

NAMI Tennessee recommends that the FCC act positively in its decision on approval of the ultra-wideband radio technology. We urge you to also initiate the necessary regulations to assure public safety in this regard.

Sincerely,

Joyce V. Judge, Executive Director  
NAMI Tennessee

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