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September 21, 2000

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ultra Wideband Wireless Technology  
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. My firm is a leading investment bank with a focus on raising capital for promising technology companies.

As part of our work with a broad range of technology companies, we have been following the development of ultra-wideband and believe that the technology may support a number of applications in the communications, tracking and positioning fields which either improve on current solutions or offer solutions where none now exist. If the technology can be converted from the laboratory to the field, developing and delivering these applications could be expected to support a substantial amount of capital formation and job creation in addition to the benefits provided by new products and services.

Before this happens, ultra-wideband will have to prove itself against competitive technologies. The FCC's role should be simply to ensure that such competition takes place on an even basis, such that a winner is determined by merit, instead of the number of regulatory hurdles it faces. The worst scenario would be to see the capital and talent needed to develop ultra-wideband move outside the United States and to watch it flourish elsewhere.

Ultra-wideband has the potential to support a substantial number of new enterprises and the investment community is paying close attention to both technological and regulatory developments. I encourage the FCC to provide a timely approval of regulations allowing the commercialization of ultra-wideband.

Sincerely

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