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98-153

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

Ms. Salas:

I am writing in response to the FCC's Notice of Proposal Rule Making regarding the testing and development of Ultra Wideband (UWB) technology. As the president of the Clovis Firefighters' Association, I represent the interests and concerns of the fire service professionals within our local union. One of our biggest concerns is firefighter safety. It is our understanding that the UWB technology could potentially be a tremendously powerful tool that could be employed in many life threatening situations. We therefore request that this new technology be approved for further testing and development.

On a more personal note, one of my former college roommates and a professional firefighter was recently killed in a building collapse while performing a search and rescue operation with his department. The UWB technology is the type of tool that might have saved his and his fellow crewmember's lives if it had been available. Please help us to make sure we don't have to repeat such tragedies.

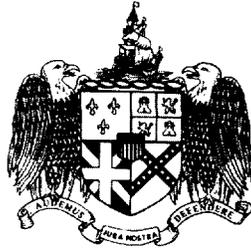
Sincerely,

Mike Despain - President

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August 30, 2000

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Re: Ultra-Wideband/ET Docket 98-153

Dear Ms. Salas:

I am writing in response to the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Notice of Proposed Rule Making concerning ultra-wideband radio. As you know, one of the major producers of ultra-wideband devices, Time Domain, is located in Alabama. Time Domain's Time-Modulated Ultra Wideband technology (TM-UWB) enables several orders of magnitude improvement in communications, radar and position-location-tracking.

UWB technology has great potential to carry vast amounts of data, voice and video at extremely low power, providing the ultimate solution for delivering these services the "last hundred meters" and the "last ten meters" to, and within, schools, consumers' homes, and businesses in rural areas. UWB can provide wireless LAN service for schools receiving funding under the E-rate program. Importantly, UWB holds enormous promise for aviation safety applications: from ground penetrating radar to check for cracks in runways to collision avoidance systems on aircraft to augmenting GPS for precision take off and landing.

These potential benefits will greatly improve the quality of life not only for my constituents, but also for millions of Americans. I urge the FCC to move promptly in making a decision on the technical matters of UWB technology. In doing so, this will allow for timely deployment of UWB enabling us to achieve the maximum advantages from this technology.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Windom".

Steve Windom
Lieutenant Governor

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