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Ms. Magalie R. Salas  
Secretary, Federal Communications Commission  
The Portals  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W. TW-A325  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Ultra-Wideband Transmission Rules  
ET Docket No. 98-153

Dear Ms. Salas:

On December 10, 2001, the Secretary of Transportation, Norman Y. Mineta, spoke by telephone with the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, Mr. Michael K. Powell, regarding the above-referenced proceeding.

Secretary Mineta specifically expressed his concerns about the risk of interference that ultra-wideband devices pose for transportation safety-of-life systems. He also stressed the need for additional testing, interagency coordination, and review of relevant international agreements prior to a final decision on this matter.

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2), this letter and one copy thereof are submitted for inclusion in the record in the above-referenced proceeding. I have also included a copy for Chairman Powell. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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