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Opposition to Wisconsin Small Cell Legislation

Wisconsin Residents Will Be Paying the Ultimate Price For 5G Services—Their Health

GREENDALE, WI — Wisconsin For Safe Technology, along with 29 other organizations across the nation, participated in the 5G National Day of Action in opposition to the 5G rollout last week in Greendale. Together, we asked the wireless companies (Verizon, Sprint, AT&T, U.S. Cellular and T-Mobile) and their sub-contractors and antenna installers to suspend the deployment of 5G-enabled small cell wireless antennas **near places where people live, work and play** until such time as chronic, low-level exposure to radio-frequency (RF) microwave radiation (wireless radiation) can be proven safe for everyone.

This is particularly relevant and concerning because Wisconsin legislators are currently proposing bills—**LRB 3278 and LRB 1451 “Small Cell Legislation”**—to force 5G connectivity on communities throughout Wisconsin by taking away any remaining local authority to protect the health, safety, privacy and security of Wisconsin citizens.

Wisconsin citizens have noticed these powerful cellular antennas being installed throughout neighborhoods on utility and light poles in close proximity to homes and apartments, with no assurance that the constant wireless radiation they emit is safe. This should not be allowed.

FCC exposure guidelines are decades old and the FCC is ignoring the published, peer-reviewed science proving that wireless radiation causes biological harm such as cancer, DNA damage, reproductive, cognitive and neurological harm, microwave sickness, etc. Even the American Academy of Pediatrics asked the FCC to reassess exposure guidelines for children and nothing has been done. The United State’s exposure guidelines are some of the least protective in the world.

5G is different from previous generations of wireless in that it operates via millimeter and submillimeter waves, a technology that has not been widely deployed before. However, the military utilizes 5G frequencies in their active denial system. This fact along with studies suggesting the potential for very serious biological and environmental effects support the need to halt the 5G rollout while rigorous safety studies are performed. 5G is not a public service and is not necessary for public safety. No private company should be allowed to endanger public health simply to make a fast profit.

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The deployment of thousands of small cell antennas throughout Wisconsin neighborhoods is particularly concerning when it comes to children, whose small bodies and developing physiology make them more vulnerable to the effects of chronic, low-level exposure to wireless radiation than adults. Children also have a longer life in front of them to experience health impacts.

Our children have a right to play in their yards and sleep in their beds without being subject to constant 24/7 involuntary exposure to wireless radiation.

We are not against technology. We are against technology that has been proven harmful to human health.

There is a simple solution: Our legislators should be supporting fiber optic all the way to the premises, including homes, apartments, schools and workplaces. It is faster, safer, more reliable, energy efficient, and secure.

Visit www.WisconsinSafeTech.com for wireless safety tips and to learn more about 5G.

Stop the Telecom Experiment – 5G Day of Action Rally Statement dated May 15, 2019
Greendale Patch Article Announcing 5G Day of Action Rally dated May 13, 2019