

**Testimony on LD 1706,
Children's Wireless Prevention Act,
Before the Maine Legislature
Health and Human Services Committee
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My name is Camilla Rees.

I am the CEO of a health education and patient advocacy company, Wide Angle Health, LLC which focuses on helping patients get to the roots of illness.

I am also the co-author of "Public Health SOS: The Shadow Side of the Wireless Revolution"; Founder of www.ElectromagneticHealth.org, co-author of the white paper "Cellphones and Brain Tumors: 15 Reasons for Concern"; co-investigator on a study showing the effects of microwave radiation on the heart; and creator of the *EMF Petition to Congress* signed by thousands of Americans in 48 states and 25 foreign countries. Previous to these involvements I have had a 15-year career in investment banking-corporate finance and venture capital investing focused on the health care sector.

As you know, we have a health care system that tends to suppress symptoms and not look for the root causes of illness. The result of this is that health care costs in the United States are 16% percent of GDP. More money per person is spent on health care in the United States than in any other nation in the world. Yet, as you probably well know, more than 50% of Americans have at least one chronic illness, and chronic illnesses represent 78% of total health costs.

So, if we want to deal with the economic problems from the epidemic of chronic illnesses, it would be wise to begin by helping people uncover the roots of their problems. This process begins with *patient education*—empowering people with *the best of our collective knowledge of the roots of illness* so that they make prudent, health supporting choices for themselves.

It is what is necessary to put *'care'* back into health care.

And if we care, we need to do more truth-telling, especially regarding environmental factors in illness and we need to alert people early when there is indication of risk.

Talk of prevention today rings hollow, and will never have much economic impact, if we don't also tell people the full scope of the roots of illness we are trying to prevent.

Our federal government has failed us. A trillion dollar industry has sprung up with no meaningful concern for the impacts of the technology on health and we continue to adhere to safety guidelines that omit consideration of non-thermal effects.

In the absence of federal level responsibility, we must take responsibility at the state level and take precautionary measures, following the lead of other governments around the world, such as the European Parliament.

We must go forward and educate citizens, health practitioners, schools and vulnerable populations, such as children, pregnant women, couples trying to conceive and people who already have serious or chronic illnesses.

As many public health professionals have asserted (for example, Dr. Ronald Herberman who issued a warning on cell phones to 3,000 employees at the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute last March), ***the science today compels protective action.***

I believe, eventually, it is possible society will look back on the unchecked proliferation of radiation-emitting cellular phones—as a ***crime against humanity.***

When society comes to understand that profound health damage has occurred it will finally recognize that the commercial interests of an industry were placed above human health.

That a certain percentage of the population was considered expendable.

People will ask, “Where was the leadership? Where was the reverence for life? Where did people’s courage go so that they were silent on the things that really mattered? How could they have shirked their responsibility, ignoring one of the deepest human instincts of all—to love and nurture and protect children?”

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Health and Human Services Committee, I commend you for taking up the issue of cell phone safety.

Many consider this one of the most important public health issues of our lifetime.

Godspeed as you consider this issue on health, economic and ethical grounds.

Respectfully submitted,

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