

The Public Speaks Out on Cell Phones

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*The following statements about cell phones were chosen from thousands of comments made by physicians and electricians, housewives and psychologists, homeless people and physicists on a petition offered by ElectromagneticHealth.org called the **EMF Petition to Congress**. The petition calls for the United States Congress to address the legal, political, health, and environmental problems caused by uncontrolled proliferation of electromagnetic radiation-emitting technologies. Citizens from 47 states and 25 countries have signed this plea to date, demonstrating a growing global awareness and resistance.*

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I had a pre-cancerous tumor in my jaw in the exact spot I regularly had held my phone.

Anthony Weishar, Ohio

My nephew has brain cancer in the exact place he held his cell phone.

M. Sunia, California

As both a medical and mental health practitioner -- and someone who has spent many years working in brain research -- I understand that the current safety standards regulating electromagnetic radiation (EMR) are not protective of human or wildlife health. The telecommunication companies have been allowed to build a technology which has been shown to cause biological harm in many, many peer-reviewed scientific studies.

Virginia Hines, P.A., MA., L.M.H.C., Massachusetts

It is imperative that the accumulating scientific and medical evidence of the long-term ill effects of electromagnetic fields (EMF) be taken into consideration by Congress and the President without further delay. Our civilization is at risk for pandemics of malignancies, neurological, endocrine and immune system disorders if steps are not taken soon to protect people from exposures from cell phones and other uncontrolled electronic sources.

Mitchell Fleisher, M.D., D.H., Virginia

Dr. Thomas Rau, medical director of the Paracelsus Clinic in Lustmühle, Switzerland, is convinced that ‘electromagnetic loads’ lead to cancer,

concentration problems, A.D.D., tinnitus, migraines, insomnia, arrhythmia, Parkinson's, and even back pain.

Grazyna Samborska, New Jersey

I got a radiation burn to my face and neck from my cell phone while I was working as a telephone salesperson. The burn left an image of the microphone onto my neck. Ten years later my face, eyes, and neck still burn, and I have a feeling like a golf ball is stuck in my brain where the antenna was.

Barb Makota, Canada

My son, Richard Blaine Farver, died of glioblastoma multiform brain cancer at the age of 29. He was an avid cell phone user and owned a T-Mobile phone since 2001. Please everyone read: *Cell Phones and Brain Tumors, 15 Reasons For Concern*, by the International EMF Collaborative Group. In it there is a chart that shows that kids between the ages of 20-29 with five years of cell phone use have an increased risk of brain tumors by 700%.

Virginia Farver, Colorado

I know three people who were savvy cell phone users -- including me. All of us suffered from malignant brain tumors. Two just recently past away at young ages, and the other guy and myself are lucky to be in remission. All the cancer tumors in our brains were in the exact location where the cell phones were used.

Robert Garifal, New York

Inflammation has been demonstrated to be at the root of cancer, heart disease, twelve autoimmune diseases, diabetes and Alzheimer's (*Time*, Feb 23, 2004). Very low-level radio frequencies and microwaves from wireless communications trigger mast cells to proliferate, which leads to release of histamines and cytokines (*BioInitiative Report*, August 2007, Johansson). These cytokines cause systemic inflammation. The human body has spent millions of years evolving this incredibly useful response to "foreign invaders." But the irony is that this mechanism perceives low-level electromagnetic fields as an invader. Chronic exposures to low-level wireless technologies lead the body to attack itself, which can then lead to chronic disease.

Name not displayed, California

More and more people are becoming electrically sensitive. This should be a wake up call that there is a problem!

Charlotte Butler, New York

By the year 2017 it is estimated that 50% of the population will be electro-sensitive – but EMF/RF has been shown to adversely affect *everyone*, whether they be electro-sensitive or not. Perhaps you already are feeling the

affects? Allergies; altered sugar metabolism; anxiety; attention deficit disorder); Alzheimer's; shortness of breath; exhaustion; depression; hair loss; headaches; memory loss; deteriorating vision; digestive problems; dizziness; enlarged thyroid; insomnia; irritability; flu-like symptoms. More severe reactions can include seizures, paralysis, psychosis, stroke, heart attacks, multiple sclerosis, cataracts, asthma, cancerous afflictions like leukemia, brain tumors; epilepsy, cardiac arrhythmias, low or high blood pressure.

Pamela Grant, New York

Consider the German study demonstrating the effects of cordless telephone radiation on bees' ability to navigate. We need to act quickly. Bees perform a vital role in food production.

Jonathan Wichmann, California

As one who suffers from chronic fatigue and immune deficiency, I am among the many who are sensitive to environmental toxins. We are the canaries in the coal mine, and it is time that the toxic effects of cell phones are recognized -- as are carbon monoxide, tobacco smoke, asbestos, lead, and other substances capable of killing.

Marianne Robinson, California

I work in the school system. Over the last ten years I have seen an increase in autism and A.D.D. or A.D.H.D. Over this same time period I have watched cell phones become more readily apparent in the hands of students than pencils. We are slowly killing the next generation.

Helen Polaski, Michigan

Humans are electrical beings; our cells communicate via electromagnetic waves. Cell phones are disrupting the functions of human cells. It's been proved that cell phone radiation breaks D.N.A. in lab mice. Is the goal to eradicate the human race?

C.A. Lawrence, New York

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Sharesa Price, California

If the EMF exposure level is not monitored soon, *we will end up with an environmental disruption worst than the chemical pollution on this planet.* Cancer level are rising, especially brain cancer in children and young adults directly linked to cell phone use. In my home the new 6.0 cordless DECT phones caused headaches, ringing in the ears, and irritability --and it's just one little phone...

Karen Strawn, Colorado

There are better ways to limit the population of our planet.

Robert Stout, New Mexico

“Free enterprise at the expense of our health should be illegal.”

Most members of Congress and the public are not aware of the large amount of peer-reviewed, published research showing biological impacts of wireless radiation on living tissue---not just links with brain tumors, but with a great variety of ailments.

Marne Glaser, Illinois

The current guidelines on regulation deal only with thermal effects on health and completely ignore the very real non-thermal effects. This is irresponsible and needs to be remedied. Also, the government is using studies that are outdated.

Lori Zook, Colorado

The cell companies have used the F.C.C. to prevent local governments from regulating the health, safety, and welfare of their citizens, and they have done so under the false premise that the F.C.C. has actually researched the impact of non-thermal radiation on living beings.

Tony Stabenow, Florida

I am a retired physicist with 48 years experience and one of the co-founders of the EMR Network, and I have been active in expressing concern about the health effects of RF radiation since 1997. I have testified in several hearings and been an expert witness. The F.C.C.'s slavish devotion to its advisers from engineering societies has prevented overwhelming evidence of the dangerous potential of non-thermal biological effects from being taken into consideration when setting safety standards.

Bill P. Curry, Ph.D., Illinois

Why is this not making national news as a priority issue, much less being examined by our government?

Name not displayed, New York

If the government does not put the brakes on the swift proliferation of cellular technologies in the interest of health, I would offer it as proof that EMF pollution has already done its damage on the brains of its officials.

Lucille Balukjian, Pennsylvania

If our representatives cannot see, by the massive amount of research stating that EMFs can be/are dangerous, then those individuals have no right to be representing anyone. If I can find thousands of researchers' documents, including the military and government's -- and those in a position to make the changes cannot -- it is strictly a case of manipulating the masses for the few.

Name not displayed, Texas

It seems to me that the F.C.C and the telecommunication companies are in bed with the pharmaceuticals, the F.D.A., etc.

Jack Betterton, Florida

Every day more and more brain cancers are being discovered in our children from the use of cell phones. You'd think the United States would be on the forefront of researching this long overdue problem. Why is the rest of the world light years ahead of us regarding this issue? The public is beginning to assume it's due to financial gain.

Name not displayed, Utah

The public is scared. The research and recommendations make sense when we look at the profound growth of cancer, fatigue, and autism. Lobbyists and corporations refuting information are powerful because they have been allowed to become powerful. Officials: does *your* child need a brain tumor for you to get with the program? What if *you* got the brain tumor?

Name not displayed, Maryland

This is not only a major health issue; it is a serious environmental problem. The Europeans have recognized its magnitude, along with Russia, Israel and other countries. The scientific evidence is compelling. The F.C.C. must regulate the telecommunications industry, rather than giving it carte blanche to saturate the planet with ever-increasing levels of these harmful microwaves.

Victoria Jewett, New Mexico

Perhaps when the Congress has to deal with ailments such as that which killed Teddy Kennedy, may we finally see relief.

Earl Werline, New Jersey

Free enterprise at the expense of our health should be illegal.

Jack Broderick, Florida

Cellular telephony is the scam in the century.

Iman Rudy, Indonesia

In a democracy human rights, like health, count before corporate profits.
Riki Ott, Alaska

The scientific evidence is strong enough to invoke the precautionary principle.
David Siddiqui, California

An ounce of prevention is worth a *TON* of cure!
Rick Ingrassi, M.D., Washington

I give no consent to any owner of a wireless device to expose me to microwave-frequency radiation.
A. Burstein, Massachusetts

Our request will be stronger if we don't buy and use mobile phones.
Federica Aldighieri, Italy

“Dear U.S. Congress...”

We, the American people, have elected each one of you as our officials to do the right for the safety and protection of our nation under God.
Patricia Grady, Ohio

Please help us to join the European Union in adopting the Precautionary Principle so that we can respond to the growing call of established scientists regarding EMF health dangers.
Leonore Gordon, L.C.S.W., New York

Congress must act now. The President and Congress need to protect the citizens of these United States.
Judith Klussendorf, Wisconsin

I feel that what is happening in this country regarding electromagnetic radiation exposure is unpatriotic. It is my understanding that, as an American, I have unalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Seeing that electromagnetic radiation exposure is dangerous to human health, these rights are being violated.
Elise Tyrie, New York

We can't go on like this. I have developed severe symptoms when around cell phones. America: follow the lead of many other countries and ban these harmful EMFs!
Name not displayed, California

There has never before been a public health issue as important.

Joni Arends, Esq., New Mexico

As a scientist and medical student who has done an enormous amount of reading dealing with the biological effects of the electromagnetic fields, I urge Congress to realize the threat this technology poses. Not only should there be a concern for the current populace, but rather even *the continued existence of humans as a species*. The public is misled to believe that cell and other EMF technologies are safe – and yet the reality is that there is a multitude of literature showing that D.N.A. damage occurs with sub-thermal exposure. Many European countries have realized the threat to public health. It would be a shame to see one of the most advanced countries in the world choose technology over the health of its citizens.

Nathan Smith, Georgia

Many of my insurance clients as young as 30 are losing their ability to recognize faces, their sense of direction is impaired, and their hearing is deteriorating. Since discontinuing the use of a cell phone and removing as much electromagnetism from my immediate area as is feasible, these same symptoms I was experiencing have abated a bit. However it is impossible to avoid cell phones because of their proliferation. This inundation is causing mass increases in insurance and medical costs, as evidenced by the treatment of brain tumors for several prominent senators. Stop this damaging pollution. Fund non-biased studies of those that already exist.

J.K. Mueller, California

We need better laws for protection of all living things. We need proper and updated training on the electro-smog that affects us all -- and laws that truly do protect us.

Carol Moore, Connecticut

Heed the warning from independent scientists and public health advocates. Choose the precautionary principle. Protect human and environmental rights. Demand biology-based safety standards for wireless products.

Sandi Maurer, California

The public needs to be protected from electromagnetic pollution. Exposure guidelines need to be addressed immediately. Establish cell phone-free zones.

Janice Gronvold, California

Establish cell phone-free neighborhoods, transportation options, government buildings, and public spaces. Require employers to establish wireless-free zones. Mandate the removal of cellular technologies from public schools. There has never before been a public health issue as important.

Alex Swinkels, Netherlands

Please stop aligning yourselves with corporate America -- and uphold your oath to serve the American people.

Diane Burdorf, Illinois

Please save our children from electromagnetic pollution.

Ntuthu Nomkuca, South Africa

Please do not allow corporate greed to overshadow your obligation to the people. We are counting on you for guardianship of our families' health and well being.

Donald Eyermann, Arizona

Please?

Sam Herlock, Virginia

I ask two things: (1) honesty about the damage electromagnetic pollution does to all living creatures, and (2) do your job to actually *protect* people.

Albert Shine, United Kingdom

When are you politicians going to start protecting the people you serve? One day you will stand before the Throne Room in judgment.

Carol Holstein, Utah

Where is the freedom we were promised? I want to be free of this pollution. It's my country too -- and I want it back!!

David Becker, California

I will not stop fighting this until all the children are safe.

Lisa Williams, Florida

To sign the EMF Petition to Congress go to www.electromagnetichealth.org

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