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Subject: Regarding wireless "smart" utility meters need for opt-out options
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I am an independent contractor who works at a yoga center in Bellevue. We have recently received the information that commercial businesses will not have the ability to opt-out of the meter upgrade that is scheduled to happen over the next three weeks. I am writing to ask you to seriously reconsider that decision.

Thankfully, homeowners in this region have the option to opt-out of the installation of the new wireless "smart"-utility meters. I am asking you to extend that same right to commercial business. The people who live in the houses who have opted-out, spend their days working in these businesses.

I have a medical condition known as EHS. Electro-hyper sensitivity, which means that I become ill when exposed to electromagnetic fields. My symptoms are directly related to EMF exposure. It is estimated that between 3 and 5% of our population suffer from this condition. I have had medical Dr's verify that I have this condition.

https://www.theepochtimes.com/tuning-in-to-microwave-sickness_2925499.html

This medical condition is recognized by the WHO
<https://www.who.int/peh-emf/publications/facts/fs296/en/>

EMF (electromagnetic field) scientists are urgently calling upon the United Nations and its sub-organizations, the WHO and UNEP, and all U.N. Member States, for greater health protection on EMF exposure. As of June 15, 2019, 248 EMF scientists from 42 nations have signed the Appeal.

<https://www.emfscientist.org>

Some countries are acknowledging the suffering that this group of people experiences when exposed to EMF and are creating separate, low EMF apartment buildings, public spaces and hospital rooms for people who are suffering from this condition. Many countries are acknowledging the harm that electromagnetic fields can cause to our health and our children's health and creating public policy to limit children's exposure in schools.

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Additionally, insurance companies worldwide "do not want to insure for electromagnetic radiation because it is simply too risky."

<https://ehtrust.org/key-issues/reports-white-papers-insurance-industry/>

Companies are able to get away with saturating our environment with EMF because they are able to say that their product meets government exposure guidelines.

However, our government safety standards are outdated. These meaningless safety standards are putting our population at risk. Our legal limits are much higher than in most other countries. In fact, "**Fact: There Are No Safety Standards** Currently there are no national or international "standards" for safe levels of the radiation emitted by wireless or microwave devices."

<https://ehtrust.org/policy/fcc-safety-standards/>



I am old enough to remember when all public buildings were retrofitted with wheelchair access ramps out of consideration for people in wheelchairs. Please give the same consideration to this rapidly growing group of people who are realizing that their health is being directly affected through exposure to electromagnetic fields and allow commercial establishments to opt-out of the PSE's smart metering program.

I am asking you to do your job and protect the people of this area by intervening now to allow commercial establishments to opt-out of PSE's "smart" metering program.

Thank you,

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