

Dear Members:

Thank you so much for your efforts to educate the public about the harmful effects of 5G technology on living beings! This bill may not stop the rollout of this technology, but at least it will pave the way toward that goal. When scientists around the world start sending alarming letters to world organizations like World Health Organization and the United Nations, we should pay attention to what they are telling us, it's important!

My opposition to this technology stems from personal experience of the impacts this is having on my health. Since the "testing" of 5G in my immediate neighborhood of Eugene, I have been experiencing severe headaches, burning sensations in my forehead and extremities as well as lethargy. It took me several weeks to identify the cause because I kept being told by local telecom companies and my city council that 5G had not been implemented. However, the 5G network is reliably on the list of local IP networks and the broadcast cell towers have been installed and activated with no notifications to schools, businesses or homes within the range of radioactive output from these towers.

Additionally, I had a technician to my home recently to replace a malfunctioning modem. His smartphone, operating in my home, was receiving the signal from the local tower at 5 Gigahertz without an issue. I asked him to turn it off and to set my bandwidth to the previous 2.4 Gigahertz which is far less harmful. He never questioned whether the network was available, that was a given since he was receiving the 5G band without a password or prompt from the network. This means I will not be able to stop it from transmitting to my router in my own home. After he did this, he was surprised, making the comment that the 2.4 network was "really fast."

I am not the only person in my community who seems affected. Once I decided to start talking about this, I was shocked to find how many others had been having the same experience. I have heard several stories, similar to my own about how people identified the cause of these symptoms. All of them discussed the same frustration when trying to get information. All of them were angry they had not been informed and that nobody seemed to believe what they were saying. Our voices are clearly being ignored in the rush to line every street corner with the newest, fastest network in the world, regardless of how it impacts us.

It is alarming, to say the least, that the public is not being made aware of the severe impacts to health this technology is likely to cause in our community. The lack of accountability is very disturbing and the telecommunication regulators seem to be asleep at the wheel (which I doubt) or are hiding every step of the process until it will be too late to stop. Exposure of this nature, involuntarily and with no way to protect against the impacts should not be allowed. This is clearly profit driven, corporate negligence of the highest order. Many other nations have banned or limited the rollout in their communities, acknowledging that it will probably harm living beings within its exposure radius.

I strongly support Oregon SB 283 and urge you to vote for the right of the public to know what telecom industry corporations are willing to do to us for profit.

Thank you for your kind attention,

Respectfully,

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