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My name is Deb Mayer. I'm with Parents Across America for Safe Technology here in support of SB 281 – the labeling of wireless digital products.

Chair Dembrow, members of the committee

Before we knew better, we developed habits that weren't healthy for us. Product manufacturers convinced us that their very attractive products were good for us. For example, manufacturers targeted expectant mothers with ads that persuaded them to choose one brand of cigarettes over others – never disclosing a risk to the unborn child.

In another example, mothers were encouraged to feed their babies sugar-laden colas – which we now know is the gateway to obesity, dental problems, and a host of childhood diseases.

Also, lead paint parties were a thing! We didn't know then about the neurological damage posed by lead paint.

We also used to spray kids with DDT to keep away bugs. I've heard it said that if Rachel Carson – author of *Silent Spring*, were alive today, her voice would not be heard.

When we discovered the harm posed by all these products, we did something about it. We labeled these products with warnings and even outlawed some of them. We didn't lack the courage to act to protect our citizens – especially children.

Today, agencies put into place to protect us like the FCC, FDA, and CDC have become “captured” agencies – paying allegiance to the giant, wealthy tech industry. The media is complicit in not reporting on the thousands of scientific studies that warn that wireless devices can be harmful to us.

If manufacturers were required to post warning labels on their products, we could make wiser choices about how to use them. Many manufacturers already provide much of this information, but it is buried so deeply inside digital products that most of us don't know it exists.

This bill asks that the manufacturer of a wireless digital product do the following:

- (1) include a visible label on the product stating age recommendations and health risks including addiction, microwave sickness, and dangers to unborn babies;
- (2) include a consumer use manual in the packaging,
- (3) offer consumers consultation on health risks of digital products and how to use them safely, and
- (4) provide a warning to businesses, organizations, and schools that they may be held liable for people's health care costs resulting from product use if a process of knowledge and consent hasn't taken place. Insurance companies will not cover illnesses caused by wireless products.

I implore this committee not to be complicit in the coverup. Choose kids over corporations. Require manufacturers to include warning labels and safety pamphlets in the packaging of their products.

# Before we knew better, we ...



**encouraged pregnant women to smoke,**



**fed sugar-laden colas to babies,**



**and exposed children to lead paint.**