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Re: Berkeley Approves law to warn cell phone buyers "right to know" 9-0 and PPSI Citizens
Petition FDA-2013-P-1374

Dear Mr. Nambiar:

We would like the following information below added to our citizens petition above for hearings before the Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH):

When is the hearing scheduled for and who is on the FDA hearing committee at CDRH ? Who is on the committee and can you please send contact information to me ?

Best-

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[The city of Berkeley just passed the nation's first cell phone "right to know" ordinance, requiring retailers to warn customers of potential radiation exposure.](#)

[The measure is controversial: Many medical professionals say evidence of harm from electromagnetic fields is inconclusive. Nearly 200 scientists have called on international health organizations to adopt tougher regulations; industry groups are expected to sue to block the law.](#)

[Joel Moskowitz, director of the Center for Family and Community Health at the School of Public Health, joined a recent discussion of the new ordinance, which he helped draft, on KQED radio's *Forum with Michael Krasny*.](#)

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[the conversation, which includes Moskowitz and a professor at the UCSF School of Medicine, Allan Balmain.](#)
<http://newscenter.berkeley.edu/2015/05/21/opinion-does-that-cellphone-in-your-pocket-pose-a-health-risk/>

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Adoption of Berkeley Cell Phone "Right to Know" Ordinance

Kevin Kunze, director of the award-winning documentary film, [*Mobilize*](#), produced a short video (7:32) about the Berkeley Cell Phone "Right to Know" Ordinance which was adopted by the City Council on a unanimous vote (9-0) on May 12, 2015.

Lawrence Lessig (Harvard), Joel Moskowitz (UC Berkeley), Devra Davis (Environmental Health Trust), and Gerard Keegan (CTIA--The Wireless Association) appear in the film.

<http://bit.ly/Berkeleycellvote>

Harvard Law Professor Lawrence Lessig who drafted the ordinance discusses it on his blog site:

<http://lessig.tumblr.com/post/118946612162/on-the-berkeley-right-to-know-ordinance>

For more information about the Berkeley cell phone ordinance including links to the media coverage see my blog site:

<http://bit.ly/berkeleycellordinance>

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For information about the newly released **International EMF Scientist Appeal** signed by almost 200 experts on electromagnetic radiation:

EMFscientist.org

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Brain Tumor Rates Are Rising in the U.S. & other wireless radiation news

Next week two major developments regarding wireless radiation and health will occur:

- On Monday, May 11th, the embargo will be lifted on a **Business Wire press release** about an **appeal to world leaders by EMF scientists** to address the emerging public health risks due to the proliferation of electromagnetic fields (EMF) emitted by electrical and wireless devices. More information is forthcoming.
- On Tuesday, May 12th, the **Berkeley** (California) City Council will vote on a [Cell Phone "Right to Know" Ordinance](#) which would make Berkeley the only city in the nation to require cell phone dealers to provide new customers with safety information about wireless radiation.

In the interim, you may find some of my posts on [Electromagnetic Radiation Safety](#) during the past month of interest:

[Brain Tumor Rates Are Rising in the US: The Role of Cell Phone & Cordless Phone Use](#)

[The Incidence of Meningioma, a Non-Malignant Brain Tumor, is Increasing in the U.S.](#)

[Heavy Use of Cell Phones & Cordless Phones Increases Brain Tumor Risk](#)

[Berkeley Cell Phone "Right to Know" Ordinance](#)

[California Medical Association Calls for Stronger Wireless Communication Safety Standards](#)

[Maine's "Cellular Telephone Labeling Act"](#)

[Oregon's Bill to Disclose Wireless Technology Health Risks](#)

[Welcome to EMR Safety - Overview, Recent News Stories, Radio Interviews & Presentations](#)

[Mobilize: A Film About Cell Phone Radiation](#)

[Tips to Reduce Your Exposure to Wireless Radiation](#)

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PRESS RELEASE

International Scientists Appeal to U.N. to Protect Humans and Wildlife from Electromagnetic Fields and Wireless Technology

WHO's conflicting stance on risk needs strengthening, says 190 scientists

New York, NY, May 11, 2015 (Business Wire) -- Today 190 scientists from 39 nations submitted an appeal to the United Nations, UN member states and the World Health Organization (WHO) requesting they adopt more protective exposure guidelines for electromagnetic fields (EMF) and wireless technology in the face of increasing evidence of risk. These exposures are a rapidly growing form of environmental pollution worldwide.

The “***International EMF Scientist Appeal***” asks the Secretary General and UN affiliated bodies to encourage precautionary measures, to limit EMF exposures, and to educate the public about health risks, particularly to children and pregnant women.

The ***Appeal*** highlights WHO’s conflicting positions about EMF risk. WHO’s International Agency for Research on Cancer classified Radiofrequency radiation as a Group 2B “Possible Carcinogen” in 2011, and Extremely Low Frequency fields in 2001. Nonetheless, WHO continues to ignore its own agency’s recommendations and favors guidelines recommended by the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP). These guidelines, developed by a self-selected group of industry insiders, have long been criticized as non-protective.

The ***Appeal*** calls on the UN to strengthen its advisories on EMF risk for humans and to assess the potential impact on wildlife and other living organisms under the auspices of the UN Environmental Programme, in line with the science demonstrating risk, thereby resolving this inconsistency.

Martin Blank, PhD, of Columbia University, says, “International exposure guidelines for electromagnetic fields must be strengthened to reflect the reality of their impact on our bodies, especially on our DNA. The time to deal with the harmful biological and health effects is long overdue. We must reduce exposure by establishing more protective guidelines.”

Joel Moskowitz, PhD, of University of California, Berkeley, says, “ICNIRP guidelines set exposure standards for high-intensity, short-term, tissue-heating thresholds. These do not protect us from the low-intensity, chronic exposures common today. Scientists signing the Appeal request that the UN and member nations protect the global human population and wildlife from EMF exposures.”

International EMF Scientist Appeal: EMFscientist.org

Video Statement (3 min.) by Spokesperson Martin Blank, PhD:
EMFscientist.org

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Tonight the Berkeley City Council will vote on a law that would require cell phone retailers to provide consumers with an official notice from the City about cell phone radiation safety or post this notice in the store. The notice reads as follows:

"To assure safety, the Federal Government requires that cell phones meet radio frequency (RF) exposure guidelines. If you carry or use your phone in a pants or shirt pocket or tucked into a bra when the phone is ON and connected to a wireless network, you may exceed the federal guidelines for exposure to RF radiation. This potential risk is greater for children. Refer to the instructions in your phone or user manual for information about how to use your phone safely."

The CTIA--The Wireless Association, has threatened to sue the City even before the ordinance was drafted. Harvard Law Professor Lawrence Lessig who helped draft the ordinance and has promised to defend it in court *pro bono* will present the ordinance on behalf of city staff. If the ordinance is adopted and withstands legal challenges, Berkeley will become the first city in the U.S. to implement a cell phone "right to know" law. Many cities throughout the nation are looking to Berkeley to set a precedent. The Berkeley City Council meeting begins at 7:00 PM PDT and will be live webcast at: <http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/CalendarEventWebcastMain.aspx>.

For more information the ordinance and the meeting and links to media coverage about the ordinance see

<http://bit.ly/berkeleycellordinance>

To date, there have been more about 50 news stories about the Berkeley ordinance. Here are links to four recent stories.

CBS News

<http://cbsn.ws/1IyJVbe>

Epoch Times

<http://www.theepochtimes.com/n3/1353535-what-cell-phone-and-tobacco-research-have-in-common/>

Mother Jones

<http://bit.ly/1KXvJYK>

RT

<http://rt.com/usa/257857-california-law-cellphone-radiation/>

The CTIA's rebuttal to the ordinance (Memo from Gerry Keegan to Berkeley City Council, May 12, 2015) claims that, "Leading health and safety organizations have concluded that there are no known adverse health risks associated with wireless device use." Mr. Keegan ignores the fact that several leading health organizations in the U.S. have raised concerns about harm from wireless radiation exposure including the American Pediatric Association, the American Academy of Environmental Medicine, and the California Medical Association.

In 2011 wireless radiation was determined to be "possibly carcinogenic" by the World Health Organization's cancer research arm. Since then many more peer-reviewed studies have documented increased cancer risk and other health risks including infertility, reproductive harm, and neurodegenerative diseases. To date, thousands of peer-reviewed studies have found evidence of harm from exposure to low intensity wireless radiation including stress proteins, reactive oxygen species, DNA damage, and cancer.

[The International EMF Scientist Appeal](#)

In response to the continued denial by many health and safety organizations worldwide to recognize the harm caused by exposure to electromagnetic fields (EMF), yesterday, 190 EMF scientists from 39 nations issued a petition to government leaders to protect the human population and other species from this environmental pollutant. Collectively, these scientists have published more than 2,000 peer-reviewed studies and papers on the biologic or health effects of EMF. For more information about this petition see EMFscientist.org.

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