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Dear Esteemed Legislators,

Thank you for advancing Senator Cyr's wireless radiation bills in prior legislative sessions. Please do everything in your power to ensure these bills are passed this session as the cumulative harm is mounting from today's rapidly increasing levels of radiofrequency radiation.

In Pittsfield, residents have been diagnosed with EHS, or electromagnetic sensitivity after they developed symptoms of headaches, nausea, dizziness, insomnia, skin rash, palpitations and tinnitus after a cell tower started transmitting adjacent to their neighborhood.

As taught by doctors at the international <u>EMF Medical Conference 2021</u>, electromagnetic fields (EMFs) from radiation pulsed by cell towers, small cells and utility "smart meters" and wireless devices is the leading cause of the rise in electromagnetic illnesses.

In their own homes, residents can choose to options like hardwired Ethernet connections, increasing their distance from devices, and placing them on airplane mode or turning off Wi-Fi when not in use, but only if they know these options are available. S. 183 is a "right to know" bill and helps educate consumers about wireless safety practices.

As municipal leaders, we look to the state for guidance on wireless safety.

S.186, to form a commission to investigate the health and environmental impact of today's wireless technology is vital as the science has been shared with us. We are looking to you to translate the science into policy change and protections that can then be applied across the state.

Engineers can readily develop safe, sustainable, energy-efficient technology but it is up to our legislatures to require it. You have that opportunity in Senator Cyr's Resolve S. 186 and S. 187.

Please pass these bills to form a commission to investigate the health and environmental impact of today's wireless technology, especially as it impacts our children, our pollinators and our planet.

Other states have implemented protections, and it's time for Massachusetts to ensure safe and sustainable technology, too. Our municipal leaders and volunteer boards should not have to navigate these issues alone. Thank you for providing our cities and towns with the guidance they need to ensure the health and safety of all Massachusetts residents.

Respectfully,

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