

Letter From Peter White Councilor City of Pittsfield to Massachusetts State Legislature in Favor of Wireless Right to Know Legislation October 4, 2021

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Subject: Resolve S. 186 and S. 187 Testimony

Dear Esteemed Legislators,

Thank you for advancing State Senator Cyr's wireless radiation bills in prior legislative sessions. Please do everything in your jurisdiction to ensure these bills are passed this session as the number of reported people affected by today's rapidly increasing levels of radiofrequency radiation is rising.

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

In their own homes, residents can choose to use 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. 187 is a "right to know" bill and helps educate consumers about wireless safety practices.

As a municipal leader myself, I 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 to help Massachusetts municipalities have consistency.

Please pass form a commission to investigate the health and environmental impact of today's wireless technology.

Other states have implemented protections, and it's time for Massachusetts to ensure safe and sustainable technology, as well. 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 we need to ensure the health and safety of all Massachusetts residents. We also need verified information and guidance moving forward to assist with decision making.

Respectfully,

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