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Honorable Mayor Linda Tyer,

I feel competent in commenting on the situation opposing Verizon and its South Street tower to Pittsfield residents, because of my background both in industry and in health research at McGill's Faculty of Medicine, over the last 40 years.

Over this time, I have seen a continuous increase in the literature demonstrating the unexpected effects on health of electromagnetic radiation as used by the telecom industry. The Supreme Court of the United States has also acknowledged this change. The Court last year pointed out that FCC metrics, which Verizon uses to justify its position, has ignored large areas of science

(<https://childrenshealthdefense.org/wp-content/uploads/chd-v-fcc-we-won-decision.pdf>)

The State of New Hampshire, in its exploration of the health impacts of 5G, has already published recommendations that acknowledge hypersensitivity to electromagnetic radiation, and has recommended precautions to insure safe use of this radiation in telecommunications systems.

(<https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/statstudcomm/committees/1474/reports/5G%20final%20report.pdf>).

It is hard to imagine that when elected mayor of Pittsfield, you could anticipate being in the position you are now...with authority over the protection of the health of Pittsfield residents in such a technical subject.

Your Board of Health, led by Chair Bobbi Orsi, is coming to you with their unanimous recommendation, and seeking your support. The Board of Health has taken time and care to come to their conclusion.

Change may not be comfortable, but must happen.

I urge you to support Bobbi Orsi and the Pittsfield Board of Health.

Developing science is driving and supporting their recommendations.

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