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CC: Senate President Karen Spilka and Representative Aaron Vega

Hello All Members of the Senate Ways & Means Committee:

I realize the S. 129 bill for a commission to review wireless is before the Senate Ways & Means. I spoke with Rep. Aaron Vega yesterday, and he said that he cannot propose an amendment when the bill is in this committee.

I would like to ask the committee to make an amendment, if that is possible. **I will prepare and send you a copy of an amendment according to state drafting rules if desired.** I would like to suggest these changes:

1. Striking i), to look at financial impact of labeling wireless devices on the industry, as the effect is fairly obvious,
2. Replacing i) with examination of how to insure, if found necessary, development of safer telecommunications, jobs for Massachusetts residents in infrastructure development, and just cost recovery of such costs for the state,
3. Allowing chair to be appointed by commission majority agreement and removed by same,
4. Removal of industry representative (they can be invited at will) and a restriction on industry influence.

I also recommend the following, and can add this to any draft amendment as well if desired:

1. A nominee from the Communications Workers of America,
2. A representative chosen by the Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition, which is also concerned,

3. A representative chosen by the Cell Phone Task Force or We are the Evidence, which are two national advocacy groups for the electrically sensitive, and
4. Adding, if found necessary, an examination of how to assist with just and equitable recovery of costs and health for those who have been medically impacted.

Please let me know if you are interested. I have attached a slightly updated 2015 slideshow with notes on wireless reproductive effects - this was originally vetted by Dr. Paul Heroux who has decades of experience in the field. The notes are interesting because they include measurements for childrens' toys, which are high. Feel free to share these with your family and friends.

I also want to take a moment to shout out support for Senator Michael Moore's bill S. 1988 to allow ratepayers to opt out of smart meters.

Best wishes,
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