

Dear members of the Hartford City Council,

We, members of Greater Hartford Coalition for Safe Technology (GHC4ST), are writing on behalf of **the 170+ undersigned Hartford residents** in order to strongly request that you refrain from passing Mayor Bronin's proposal to enter into an agreement with wireless carriers.

We believe there is compelling evidence that approving this resolution would both:

- (i) threaten the health of Hartford residents and ecology, and
- (ii) inadvertently turn over local control to private telecommunications companies (thereby opening the city up to unnecessary costs and legal complications).

Over the last 24 hours alone, we have collected **over 30 signatures (and counting!) from Hartford community members (listed below)** who are calling on you to **delay the vote on this resolution** and:

1. **allow for time for our Coalition—and the national and international experts with whom we collaborate—to provide you with information** on the health risks that telecommunications companies have obscured
2. **amend the resolution** to incorporate 1,500 ft setbacks from schools and other sensitive areas (as implemented in various municipalities in MA, NY, CA, etc.) as well as other policy recommendations from the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA)'s 2021 report, "[Stretched Thin and Feeling the Squeeze: The Harmful Effects of Small Cell Preemption on Local Governments](#)"

What's more, over the last two years, we have gathered signatures from **an additional 140+ Hartford residents who are calling on you to protect their public health from the risks of wireless radiation** (listed below).

Please consider these compelling excerpts from some of their submissions:

*"I don't believe that we should rush to install 5G without the proper research of its health risks." – Alan Long*

*"My health is important and the health of others is important. With COVID still around and all the other issues happening do we really need to find ways of making our health worse?" – Erving Rivera*

*"I have long been concerned about this issue and even testified at a PURA hearing regarding this. Research has shown the dangers and medical consequences of the high levels of wireless radiation and I don't want to be exposed to it. I've already gone thru cancer treatment once and that's enough. I don't want my grandchildren exposed when I read how this affects fertility and rates of miscarriage, cancer and other health concerns. Enough!! People Over Profit!!" – Mary Sanders*

*“5g technology is much too dangerous and untested to be implemented across the board without debate or long term studies. Radiation levels are already high in the city.” – Alan Looper*

*“The heightened levels of wireless radiation represent a significant hazard to the health and environment of Hartford's residents. Notably, these radiation levels disproportionately impact our children and minority residents in Hartford. Furthermore, these elevated radiation levels lead to the unnecessary ceding of local authority to private telecommunications firms, potentially subjecting Hartford to avoidable costs and legal complexities.” – Thomas Kenney*

*“It is important our elected officials hear our voices and more proactively protect the health of our residents in Hartford. They have to carefully do business with the telecoms putting people before profits.” – Gladys Moreno Fuentes*

*“I have a child in an elementary school in Hartford. I don't want her being exposed to elements that we don't understand yet. There are too many children her age developing disorders that we have no grasp of why and how. Our children deserve a chance to live in a society that questions first then implements after we have supporting data.” – Adeline Yllanes*

*“I'm a cancer survivor, we don't need more. I just learned about this form and I agree with it!” –Jendayi Scott-Miller*

*“I care about the health of residents.” – Shanta Wiley*

*“(1) Even Sen. Blumenthal has stated that further studies on health implications are warranted. (2) FCC lost in EHT vs FCC. US Appeals Court found FCC is ignoring the peer reviewed scientific studies of the past 27 years. (3) US standards for EMR are looser than those in other countries by factors of 10, 100, and (in some cases) 1000. (4) Where is the public comment? Where are the safeguard procedures?” – Eileen Noonan*

*“For the safety of our family.” – Deanna Howard*

*“I believe this is what's best for my Community. Open Transparency” – Thomas Gamble*

*“5G comes with grave risks to human health. There is NO reason to rush this!” – Jennifer Sparks*

*“Because I have been educated in how destructive and harmful 5G is when installed on school buildings it is too close too much radiation next to our children...” – Marcus Jarvis*

*“The people health is more important than 5G which will make people sick and hazardous to our health.” – Kimberly Green*

*“I'm signing because [GHC4ST] is absolutely right, on this. Not only that...Why does Bronin want to do this, knowing it's very harmful, is this happening elsewhere other than Hartford?” – Tracy Funnye*

*“I have grandkids in Hartford schools.” – Beverly Villanueva*

*“Enough is enough. Stop pushing 5G on citizens.” – Angela Pomfret*

*“Because we are a Republic not a democracy. The people have spoken. This is detrimental to the health and wellbeing of the people. 5G is VERY VERY VERY BAD. Our bodies, and wildlife is NOT DESIGNED to withstand this exposure...” – Kathryn Mancarella*

*“It's a very important cause and the people deserve a voice in the matters.” – Aaron Weston*

Additionally, one of the GHC4ST Steering Committee members (Rachael Stephens) has already submitted the following [report to the Council](#), which details:

1. the recent scientific studies on the harms of wireless radiation, particularly for children
2. measurements highlighting Hartford's exceptionally high levels of radiation **(100% of the Hartford schools where we conducted measurements had radiation levels that would be prohibited in Italy, France, Israel, and other countries!)**
3. how telecommunications companies are using the FCC's 2018 Declaratory Ruling to bulldoze state and local rights
4. the negative impacts that similar agreements have had in 48 other municipalities
5. the policies that other municipalities have enacted to protect the public from the risks of "small cells" and other wireless infrastructure

**Given this information as well as this significant public sentiment, we sincerely hope you will either delay or vote no on Mayor Bronin's proposed resolution for the City's agreement with wireless carriers. We ask that you protect our public health and the health of our local democracy by working with us to amend the resolution to include:**

- **1500ft setbacks from schools and other “sensitive areas”**
- **accountability measures,**
- **other policy recommendations from The International Commission on the Biological Effects of Electromagnetic Fields (ICBE-EMF) and the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA)**

Thank you for your time and your service.

Respectfully,  
Greater Hartford Coalition for Safe Technology

**Petition 1: Press pause on 5G deployment in Hartford! (September 2023; Signed by 30 residents) <https://www.iotform.com/build/232655814512152>**

We, members of the Hartford community, are writing to ask that the City Council refrain from approving Mayor Bronin's existing proposal to enter into an agreement with wireless carriers.

We share Greater Hartford Coalition for Safe Technology's ([www.ghc4safetech.com](http://www.ghc4safetech.com)) concern that approving this resolution as it currently stands would both:

1. threaten the health of Hartford residents and ecology, and
2. unnecessarily turn over local control to private telecommunications companies (thereby opening Hartford up to unnecessary costs and legal complications)

Members of Greater Hartford Coalition for Safe Technology (GHC4ST) have submitted a report (<https://ghc4safetech.com/current-projects>) which includes information on:

1. **recent scientific studies on the harms of wireless radiation, particularly for children**
2. measurements highlighting **Hartford's exceptionally high levels of radiation (*100% of our schools have radiation levels that would be prohibited in Italy, France, Israel, and other countries!*)**
3. how telecommunications companies are using the FCC's 2018 Declaratory Ruling to bulldoze state and local rights
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We expect that other stakeholders have also provided extensive information (often veiled in scientific and legal jargon that would surely give anyone in public office pause) suggesting that the proposed agreement would spur economic development, protect the City from legal harm, and even help address the digital divide. That narrative—while challenged extensively by physicians, research scientists, public officials, policy makers, and even [the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors \(NATOA\)](#)—is bolstered by tremendous financial resources and protected by an insidious social stigma that prevents many of us from challenging what sounds "reasonable" or "rational." It is an enticing, albeit misleading, narrative that has led over 48 other municipalities to enter into similar agreements.

As a recent report by the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA) notes, **most of the 48 municipalities who have signed similar agreements now report that doing so has only brought:**

- **increased financial burdens,**
- **jurisdictional/legal complications,**
- **and an increased digital divide ([NATOA 2021](#)).**

**Given this information, we ask that the City Council delay the vote on this resolution and:**

1. **allow for time** for GHC4ST—and the national and international experts with whom GHC4ST collaborates—to provide the Council with information that telecommunications companies have historically obscured
2. **amend the resolution** to incorporate 1,500ft setbacks from schools and other sensitive areas (as implemented in various municipalities in MA, NY, CA, etc. and across the globe) as well as other policy recommendations from the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA)'s 2021 report, "Stretched Thin and Feeling the Squeeze: The Harmful Effects of Small Cell Preemption on Local Governments"

We recognize that this issue is highly controversial and complex, and appreciate the challenging position of having to make sense of often-contradictory information. We also trust that all of our local officials are working tirelessly to protect the health and safety of our so-called "Hartbeat." We imagine that they would only support this resolution if they believed it is in the best interest of our community. We simply ask that they consider the possibility that this agreement is not, in fact, as beneficial or innocuous as it has been made to seem.

Respectfully,

Members of the Hartford Community

Signatures:

First Name	Last Name	Why did you sign?
Deanna	Howard	For the safety of our family
Eileen	Noonan	(1) Even Sen. Blumenthal has stated that further studies on health implications are warranted. (2) FCC lost in EHT vs FCC. US Appeals Court found FCC is ignoring the peer reviewed scientific studies of the past 27 years. (3) US standards for EMR are looser than those in other countries by factors of 10, 100, and (in some cases) 1000. (4) Where is the public comment? Where are the safeguard procedures?
Angela	Pomfret	Enough is enough. Stop pushing 5G on citizens.
Kimberly	Green	The people health is more important than 5G which will make people sick and hazardous to our health.
Marcus	Jarvis	Because I have been educated in how destructive and harmful 5G is when installed on school buildings it is too close too much radiation next to our children
Jennifer	Sparks	5G comes with grave risks to human health. There is NO reason to rush this!
Aaron	Weston	It's a very important cause and the people deserve a voice in the matters

Kathryn	Mancarella	Because we are a Republic not a democracy. The people have spoken. This is detrimental to the health and wellbeing of the people. 5G is VERY VERY VERY BAD . Our bodies, and wildlife is NOT DESIGNED to withstand this exposure. It's unacceptable! We do NOT WANT IT PERIOD! Who will indemnify me and the people because we will not stand for this
Alan	Long	I don't believe that we should rush to install 5G without the proper research of its health risks.
David	MacDonald	
Thomas	Gamble	I believe this is what's best for my Community. Open Transparency
Sharon	Lewis	
Adeline	Yllanes	I have a child in an elementary school in Hartford. I don't want her being exposed to elements that we don't understand yet. There are too many children her age developing disorders that we have no grasp of why and how. Our children deserve a chance to live in a society that questions first then implements after we have supporting data.
Tracy	Funnye	I'm signing because the petitioner, is absolutely right, on this, not only that Why? Do Bronin want to do this, knowing it's very harmful, is this happening elsewhere other than Hartford
Beverly	Villanueva	I have grandkids in Hartford schools
Luz	Santana	I'm familiar with the issue. Attended a number of meetings.
Erving	Rivera	My health is important and the health of others is important. With COVID still around and all the other issues happening do we really need to find ways of making our health worse?
Ateshia	Grant	Hartford health
William	Moffett	Luddite Smash!!!
Kevin	Farias	I believe in this cause
Jendayi	Scott-Miller	I'm a cancer survivor, we don't need more. I just learned about this form and I agree with it!
Mary L	Sanders	I have long been concerned about this issue and even testified at a PURA hearing regarding this. Research has shown the dangers and medical consequences of the high levels of wireless radiation and I don't want to be exposed to it. I've already gone thru cancer treatment once and that's enough. I don't want my grandchildren exposed when I read how this affects fertility and rates of miscarriage, cancer and other health concerns. Enough!! People Over Profit!!
Alan	Looper	5g technology is much to dangerous and unstudied to be implemented across the board without debate or long term studies. Radiation levels are already high in the city
Crystal	Crespo	

Shanta	Wiley	I care about the health of residents.
Gladys	Moreno Fuentes	It is important our elected officials hear our voices and more proactively protect the health of our residents in Hartford. They have to carefully do business with the telecoms putting people before profits.
Thomas	Kenney	The heightened levels of wireless radiation represent a significant hazard to the health and environment of Hartford's residents. Notably, these radiation levels disproportionately impact our children and minority residents in Hartford. Furthermore, these elevated radiation levels lead to the unnecessary ceding of local authority to private telecommunications firms, potentially subjecting Hartford to avoidable costs and legal complexities.
Eli	Joseph	
Rachael	Stephens	I would like the City Council to consider the negative impacts of this resolution (as it is currently written)--both for public health (via wireless radiation exposure) and for maintaining local control.

**Petition 2: (2021-2022)—147 Hartford Residents Signed**

**Hartford Coalition for Safe Technology Petition**

Dear Hartford City Council and the Hartford legislative delegation:

Hartford has been targeted with a large number of 5G antennas emitting radio frequency waves into our neighborhoods and homes. Studies have linked radio frequency wave exposure to many health problems including cancer, brain tumors, effects on fetal and newborn development and cardiovascular issues. These antennas need to be closely monitored and safer alternatives need to be explored.

For this reason we ask you to watch two recorded presentations

- 1) What you should know about 5G, (1h, 7min) a recording of a panel that took place at the Ferguson Stamford CT Library and was introduced by State Representative David Michel.
- 2) Safety and 5G wireless technology, (10 min) a short presentation by Former President of Microsoft Canada

These presentations are sponsored by the Environmental Health Trust, which has been working in coordination with the Hartford Coalition for Safe Technology. The purpose of these virtual presentations are to make us all aware of the health and environmental hazards of 5G antennas, so close to our homes and families. If you would prefer, we will also attach a written report by the European Parliament [here](#).

After viewing these two recorded presentations, we will reach out and invite you to further discuss how you will work to monitor the health impact of these 5G antennas and explore safer alternatives.

- Hartford Coalition for Safe Technology, North Hartford Seniors in Action, Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association

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