# THE NEW TOBACCO

"RADIOFREQUENCY RADIATION IS **THE NEW TOBACCO**. ANYBODY SINCERELY READING THE SCIENCE SHOULD BE DEEPLY, DEEPLY CONCERNED."

Dr. Damien Downing – President of The British Society for Ecological Medicine

## AN INVISIBLE THREAT

Today, we are living in unprecedented levels of electromagnetic radiation, much of which is produced by wireless technologies like:

- cell towers/antennas
- cell phones
- wifi, bluetooth, & wifi-/bluetoothenabled wireless devices

#### **WIRELESS DEVICES**

cell phones computers/tablets baby monitors headphones printers security systems smart meters

People who warn about the health risks of wireless radiation are often ridiculed, and that stigma helps hide a scary reality...

# **WIRELESS RADIATION IS MAKING US SICK!**

Human and animal studies show that today's average levels of wireless radiation exposure pose serious health risks, especially for children, including increased risks of:



cancer & DNA damage (a)



high **blood pressure**, & cardiovascular complications, diabetes (b)



**cognitive impairment,** memory loss, emotional & behavioral changes (c)



fetal maldevelopment, decreased fertility (d)





These small cell antennas are being installed all over our neighborhoods (even on top of schools).





Countries like Italy, Turkey, Poland, Israel, France, and Greece, have banned wireless technologies from public schools, hospitals, and residential areas (e).

WHY HAVEN'T WE?





### **OUR MISSION**

Greater Hartford Coalition for Safe Technology (GHCST) is a communitybased organization working to:

- raise awareness of the risks of wireless technology;
- promote responsible use and safe implementation of wireless tech.;
- 3. advocate for policies that: (a) prioritize public health and safety and (b) allow for local control

### **OUR CURRENT AIMS**

- Increase awareness of the dangers of wireless radiation
- 2. Pass state and municipal legislation to: (a) prohibit the placement of cell towers/antennas on public schools and senior centers and (b) move cell towers/antennas off of public schools and senior centers
- 3. Pass state legislation to: (a)
  establish more local control over the
  placement of small cell towers and (b)
  give individual customers the right to
  "opt-out" of smart meters
- 4. Support Environmental Health Trust (EHT's) efforts to change the FCC (Federal Communications
  Commision) standards according to latest scientific data

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(YES, WE RECOGNIZE THE IRONY) In the United States, the telecommunications industry spends fortunes to hide these risks.

And the FCC sets "safety" standards that protect telecommunications' profits over public health (g).

Thousands of doctors have called on government officials to step in (f).

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Make a safe sleep environment for your body to "reset":
  - o unplug wifi routers while you sleep!
  - keep cell phone away from you (get a battery operated alarm!)
  - turn off wifi/bluetooth-enabled devices or put them in "airplane mode" (turn off the wifi, bluetooth, and cell data)
    - Hardwire these devices if you need to stay connected.
    - On Apple devices, toggling wifi/bluetooth to "standby" does <u>not</u> turn it "off".
- Protect children, pregnant women, and small pets
  - Minimize their time around wifi and wifi/bluetooth-enabled devices, including phones (unless you have turned them on "airplane mode" and hard-wired them-yes, it's possible!)
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#### • Support policy changes

 Join in our efforts to make policies that prioritize public health (e.g., prevent cell towers on schools, give municipalities a say in where towers are placed).



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