

Citizen Action Plan

**“Across the country there are bills to put a moratorium on smart meters
...as well as to have a no cost opt out, which is so important.”**

-Theodora Scarato, Executive Director, Environmental Health Trust

1. COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR STATE LEGISLATORS:

Talking Points: Please talk about these important topics:

- **ANALOG METERS (ELECTROMECHANICAL)** – no privacy, fire or health risks
- **ACCOMMODATIONS FOR DISABLED** – people with disabilities are forced to leave their homes and **move out of state** because they cannot tolerate wireless meters.
- **Onerous, expensive and thus far, ultimately futile process of the PUC Formal Complaint.**

The PUC is the Public Utility Commission, which has, in all cases, ruled in favor of the utility company. People must file though, it's the only way to keep your analog meter and electric service and voice your objections.

Legislators should know the **“score”**: **Utilities at least 700, Consumers 0.**

Consumers' physicians and other experts are “overruled” by the PUC.

PUC says that data on the total number of smart meter harm cases is “unavailable”

- **The PA PUC is the ONLY state PUC which has looked at the health issues and still mandates smart meters for everyone.**
 - “consumers treated as if on trial for murder and applying for high level job at the same time”
 - a 4-year veteran of the PUC formal complaint process
- **Smart meters transmit more than utilities claim. Consumers ultimately pay more for the changes on household wiring generated by smart meters than when an analog meter is used.**
- **All consumer protections have been given over to the PUC.** The State Attorney General represents and defends the PUC, leaving no consumer protection or advocate for the consumer.

2. DEMAND SOLUTIONS:

Proposed Analog Choice and Accommodation Bill

– **Written by, and for, the Consumer!**

This proposed Bill to amend Act 129 (which the utilities and PUC have interpreted as a mandate for smart meters) was written by a 16-year old student whose sister has electromagnetic sensitivity. She is a member of the EHS Group and wrote this in consultation with other EHS Group Members, many of whom have disabilities and have been adversely affected by the PUC interpretation Act 129. This Bill, if introduced or incorporated into other legislation, **would allow analog meter choice for everyone as well as providing accommodations for those with disabilities.** The full text can be found under updates at www.pasafetech.org.

Want to do more? See the next page, additional steps to restore consumer choice and rights!

Additional Action Steps:

EHS.group Petition – Petition in **support of urgent relief for consumers** who have a serious medical need for an analog meter due to illness or disability. This petition **highlights the onerous, expensive and thus far, ultimately futile process of the PUC Complaint.**

- a. this petition is available at www.ehs.group
- b. First, download the petition by clicking on the link.
- c. There are two options to sign it:
 - Electronically, which sends to all legislators in Pennsylvania
 - Alternatively, it can be printed, and hand signatures obtained.
(If hand signed, when all signatures are obtained, please contact the EHS group or pasafetech@gmail.com for further instructions.)

Find and use, as needed, Smart Meter PUC Complaint and other resources.

Some of this information is not yet posted but will be soon!

Facebook Resources:

Pennsylvanians for Analog Choice (PAC)

- d. Confidentiality Agreement – for Utility to sign before they can obtain your medical records
- e. Copy of Proposed Analog Choice and Accommodation Bill
- f. Copy of EHS Petition sent in by Larry McKnight MD
- g. Interrogatory Examples
- h. Resources to bring to a Township Meeting