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RE: Comments on Notice of Inquiry
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Dear Sir:

I appreciate the opportunity to submit my comments regarding your revisiting the exposure standards for RF radiation in the U.S. I have the expectation also that these comments on a subject of such enormous importance shall be seriously and somberly considered by unprejudiced individuals having no conflict of interest. With this letter I am speaking also for millions upon millions of Americans who, knowingly or unknowingly, are suffering from the effects of this ever-increasing radiation in their environment.

It is both shocking and unconscionable that this proliferation of microwave towers + antennae for wireless technology, vast and unstoppable since November of 1996, was mandated by an Act specifically disallowing any discussion of health concerns. This certainly seems unconstitutional in America. And one must wonder why that clause was inserted. Was not anyone who authorized this mandate troubled by that section? Anyone?

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Before the 1980s there were the medical terms "microwave illness" and "radiowave sickness". Interestingly we never hear these terms nowadays. It would sure help the doctors out, and the patients too. They are a cause and a cure in themselves: In their midst you are ill, get away from them and you get well.

Nowadays I am suffering from "EHS" - electromagnetic hypersensitivity. I could weep when I think of the loss of my health, happiness, productiveness and usefulness to society + friends + family during what could have been the happiest and most productive years of my life. I was 50 when my health suddenly collapsed and I am 66 now. I have moved over 30 times during those years trying to find a place where I could be free from the microwaves. Within months of moving to this remote hamlet WIFI was brought into the neighborhood - radio waves. I was very sick all over again until they reconfigured the transmission. Now for nearly 2 years another transmission that manifests as an intense high frequency sound sometimes continuing for days and nights. When it is on I am not well at all and completely unproductive, when it goes off I am almost instantly well again. A neighbor is suffering too.

I think also of the words Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. These words ring empty for sufferers of EHS. How full is life if its quality is ruined by illness? Liberty? If you have no choice about having this in your environment?

Pursuit of Happiness? Can you be happy when you have flu-like symptoms? Migraine headaches? Fatigue + depression so great you can hardly rise from your bed or the couch? Can you be happy when you watch your health and most cherished ambitions, hobbies, talents, interests and enthusiasms collapse around you as you lie helplessly by? And there are many more manifestations of health effects far more serious than these, of this radiation on our society.

If you will look with an open and unbiased mind at the calamities that have befallen our country that parrallel the rise and proliferation of this technology, it is compelling - starting with the first cell phones + mobile phones among more privileged citizens in 1982. In that year there was a 1/3 drop in the population of songbirds in the U.S. (the canaries in the gold mine) "and nobody knows why". Then the beginning of the plummet in the physical, emotional and mental health of the population, rise of severe weather disturbances, devastating diseases becoming epidemics, the drop in bat + honeybee populations, etc. Why is not the proliferation of this strong and focused radiation, which is very new and recent in earth's history (as are these calamities) considered as a possible cause of all of this? We are swimming in it wherever we go and there is nowhere to go to get away from it.

You certainly do need to address your exposure limits to be much more restrictive and to set aside places for EHS sufferers and any others to go to

where they can be free from these electromagnetic fields that are so harmful to them.

I would like to be able to work again in town, to go to plays or farmers markets or concerts, to linger at a shopping center, to go to a crowded beach, or to have had any house or any neighborhood a possibility as a choice of place to live.

I sincerely hope that you will stop and begin backpedaling, also considering how some of the advanced technology driven by these microwave + radio wave facilities that once were in the hands of only the military or law enforcement, are now being used by completely unauthorized citizens for spying, eavesdropping, tracking, etc. "Peeping Tom" is another term no longer heard these days. Such a person could be miles or hundreds of miles away enabled by his wireless device.

Is this what we want in this country? In my neighborhood the WIFI (or WIMAX) made this type of thing possible*. This (WiFi) also needs to be regulated as it is in our schools + libraries. I hope too that you have inspectors that make sure these facilities are in compliance.

Please also educate and warn the public about these dangers so that they may make an educated decision on wireless devices.

Sincerely, Mary E. Vana

* or else smartphones