

Wireless Technology Risks & Safer Solutions

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- Helped Ashland, MA become first-in-nation with Best Practices for Mobile Devices, 2014
- ► Introduced <u>legislation</u> in MA & testified in NH
- ► Co-founder, <u>Wireless Education</u>, educational non-profit
- ► Co-founder, <u>Massachusetts for Safe Technology</u>
- ► Co-Chair, Technology Panel, Health in Buildings Roundtable Conference @ NIH
- ► Speaker: EMF Medical Conference 2021



Best Practices for Mobile Devices

- *Turn off the device when not in use.
- *Turn wifi on only when needed.
- Always place the mobile device on a solid surface.
- Viewing distance should be a minimum of 12 inches from the screen.
- Specific product information guides are available by request through the IT Department.



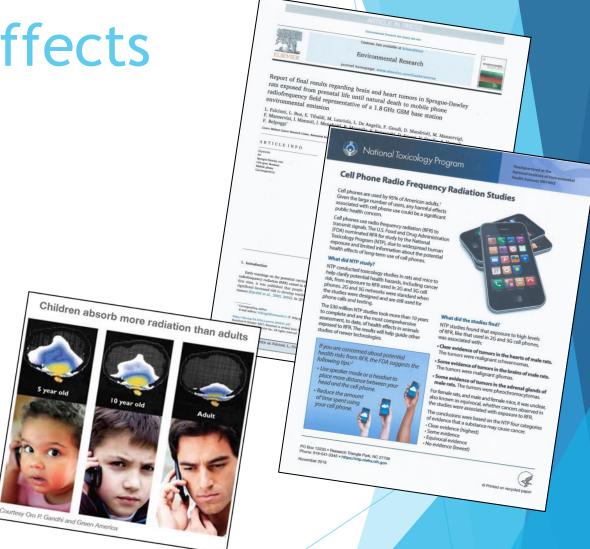
The Legal Fine Print

- ► See the Fine Print
 - Settings
 - **▶**General
 - ► (About)
 - Legal & Regulatory
 - ► RF Exposure
- ► <u>Ashland</u> & <u>Newton</u> library Acoustimeter Pittsfield Safe & Sound Pro II
- Local cable station 23-min. PSA



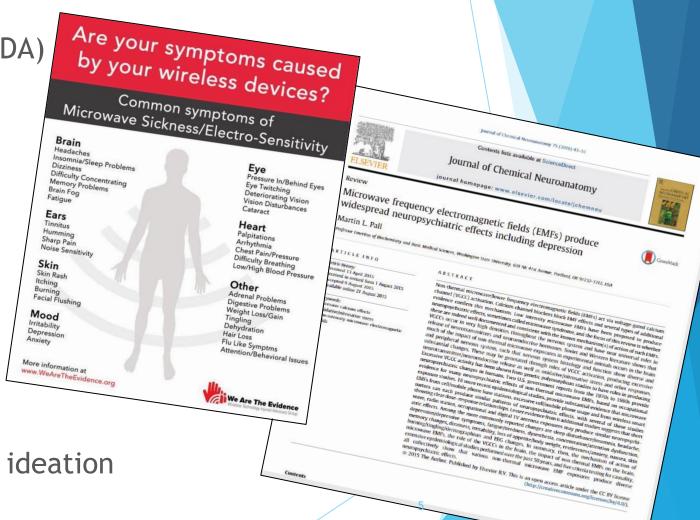
Science: Long-term Effects

- ► Child & Adult Cancers
- ► <u>DNA Damage</u>
- ► Infertility
- Neurotoxicity
 - > ADD/ADHD
 - > Autism
 - > Alzheimer's
- ► <u>Children</u> are especially vulnerable



Science: Short-term Effects

- ► <u>Electromagnetic Sensitivities</u> (ADA)
 - > Insomnia
 - > Headaches
 - Nosebleeds/earbleeds
 - Fatigue
 - > Pain
 - Skin abnormalities
 - > Irregular heartbeats
 - Cognitive impairment
 - > Anger, behavior issues
 - > Anxiety, depression, suicidal ideation



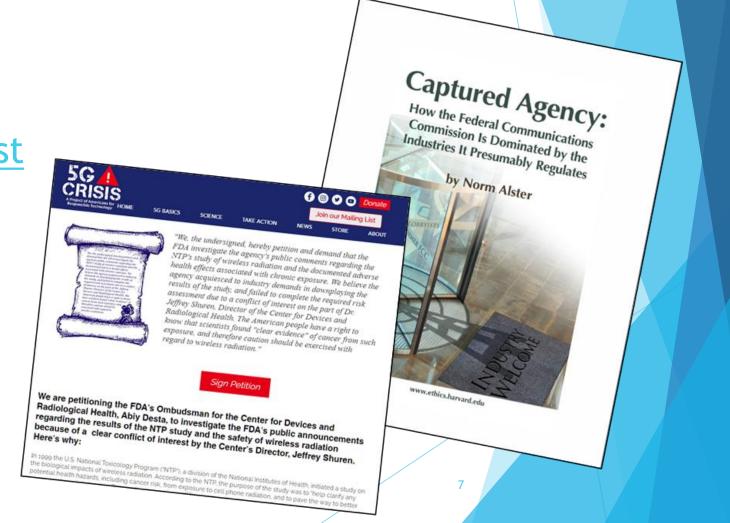
Science: Planetary Impact

- Pollinators
- Birds
- Energy consumption
 - Mineral extraction
 - Data warehouses
 - Networks
 - Personal devices
 - Streaming
 - > Send/receive
 - Charging
 - Continuous app updates



Why Don't We Know?

- ► FCC: Captured Agency
- ► FDA: Conflict of Interest



A Word of Caution: Misleading "Trustworthy" Sources

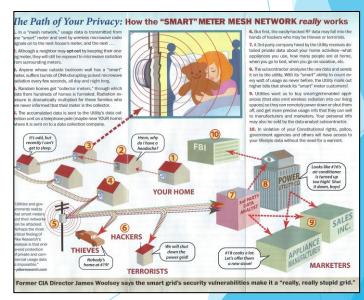
- New York Times
 - ► Article, "The 5G Health Hazard that Isn't"
 - ► Ireland: Violation of truth & accuracy code
 - ► Conflict of interest: <u>5G Verizon lab at NYT</u>
- World Health Organization
 - ► False EMF information still posted
 - ► 2020: EMF investigation reopened
 - Two WHO groups:
 One industry-influenced, one science-based



Source: Utility "Smart" Meters

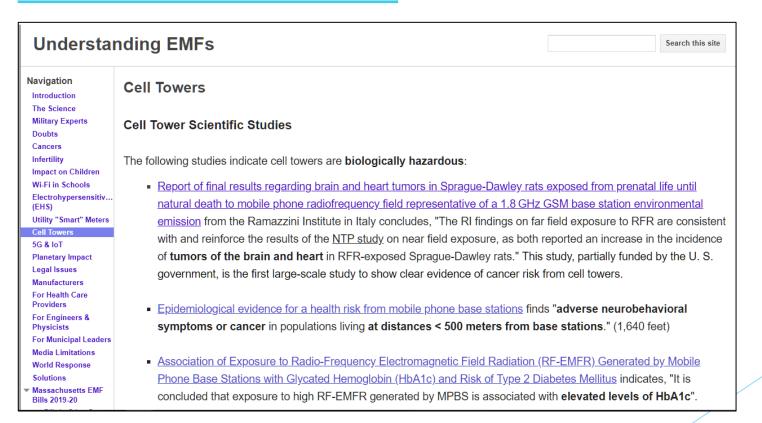
- Pulse radiation continuously
- Can hop on house wires/pipes
- ► Fires, explosions, improper grounding
- Data harvesting, privacy issues
- Leading cause of sudden onset microwave sickness
- ► Environmental justice/<u>Worcester</u>
- ► <u>TedX Talk</u>: Jeromy Johnson, engineer

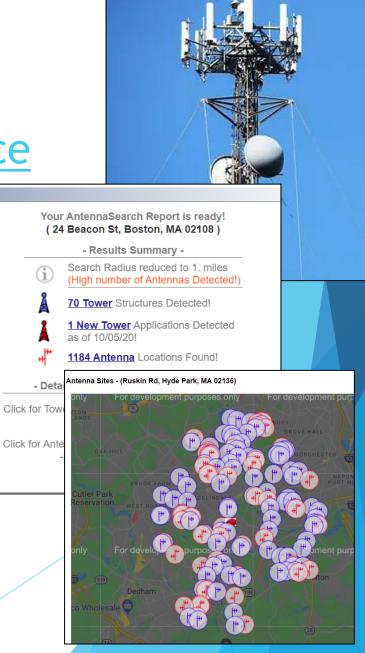




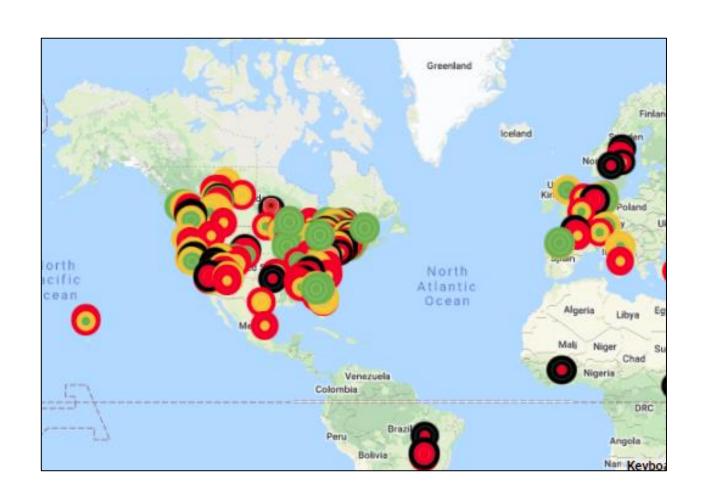
Source: Cell Towers

- Examine the <u>non-industry funded science</u>
- ► AntennaSearch.com

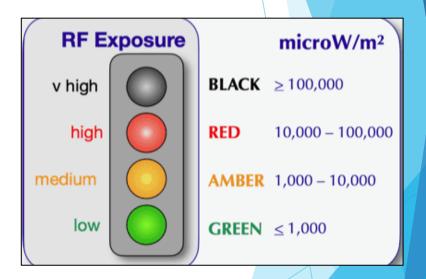




Global EMF Monitoring Project



Outdoor Exposures



Salzberg Guidelines

https://globalemf.net/

Outdoor Measurements

- ► Goal: Less than 1,000 microwatts/square meter
- Westmoreland, NH Fire Department = 417
- Keene, NH = 7,460
- Nashua, NH = **14,500**
- Concord, NH = 66,600
- Stratham, NH = 108,000
- North End Boston = 613,000

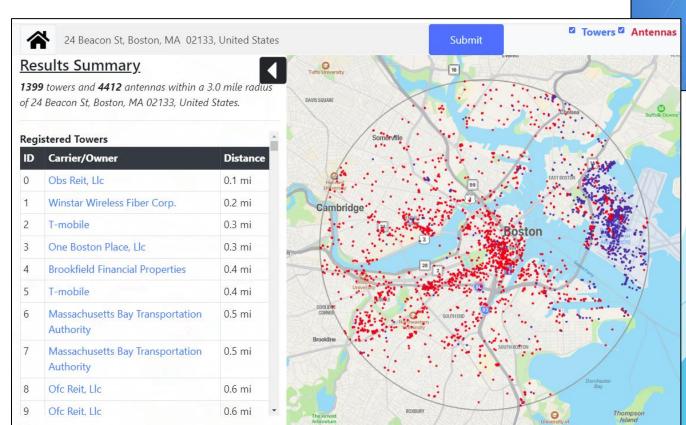


Source: Cell Towers & Antennas

► AntennaSearch.com

MA State House:

- 3-mile radius
- 1,399 towers
- **4,412** antennas



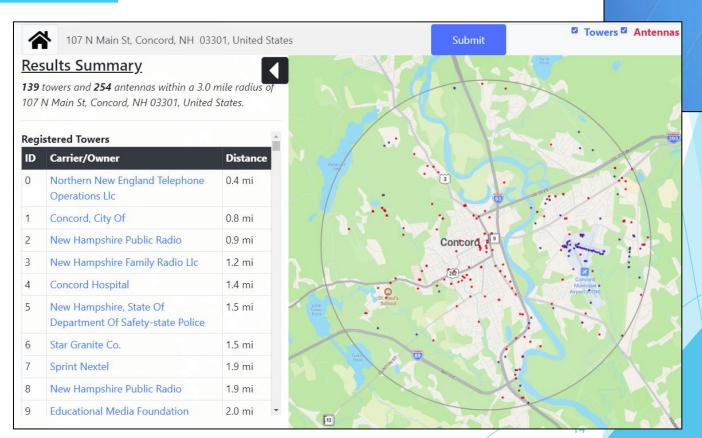


Source: Cell Towers & Antennas

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NH State House:

- 3-mile radius
- 139 towers
- 254 antennas



Now Add 5G Small Cells

- ► 5th Generation technology
- Promises faster entertainment downloads, smart cities, etc.; buying the entertainment industry
- > 5G is the *addition* of short millimeter waves
- Uses existing 3G, 4G wavelengths to penetrate buildings, can't go through objects
- Clear-cutting trees
- Industry goal: millions of small cells at curb outside bedrooms in public access way, every 2-12 houses
- Never tested for safety (<u>Congressional hearing</u>)
- ComputerWorld: <u>5G a Bad Joke</u>
- Verizon set to expose 100 million January 2022
- Rubik/Brown paper: Evidence for a connection between coronavirus disease-19 and exposure to radiofrequency radiation from wireless communications including 5G



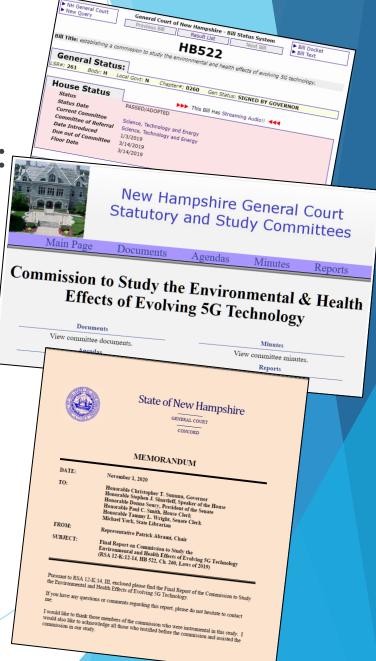
Social Norm Change

- Martin Luther King, Jr.
 - Public engages
 - Courts rule
 - Public policy enacted



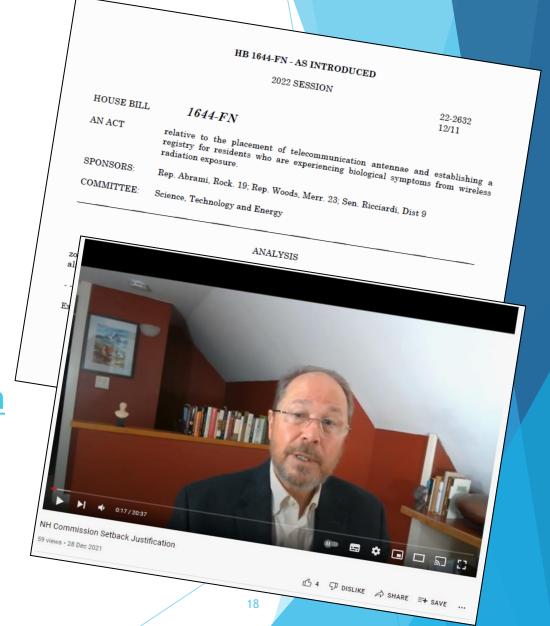
Leading Policy Solutions

- NH Rep. Patrick Abrami -- very pointed questions:
 - Why has the insurance industry put in RF exclusions?
 - Why does legal fine print say keep distance from the body?
 - ▶ Why are 1,000s of peer-reviewed studies ignored by FCC?
 - Why do FCC exposure limits not account for the nonthermal, non-ionizing, biological effects?
 - ▶ Why are **US limits 100 times higher** than other countries?
 - ▶ Why is the **cumulative effect** of increasing EMFs ignored?
- New Hampshire 2019 law in less than a year, groundbreaking Commission Report a year later
- ► Presentation by UNH <u>Dr. Kent Chamberlin</u> w/<u>slides</u>



2022 NH Bill

- NH Rep. Patrick Abrami
 - ► HB1644
 - ▶ Bi-partisan
 - ▶ 1,640' Setback (500 meters)
 - Registry of harm, paid by industry
- Presentation by UNH <u>Dr. Kent Chamberlin</u> w/slides
- ► Hearing: In-person Concord, NH January 18, 2022: House Committee on Science, Technology and Energy



MA Policy Solutions

- ► 11 Sponsored bills this session
 - Senator Julian Cyr's <u>S. 186</u> Commission bill written by Consumer Protection Committee
 - Senator Michael Moore's <u>S. 2204</u> to opt out of utility smart meters
 - Rep. Dykema's H. 115 to address wi-fi in schools
 - ► See hearing testimonies

SENATE No. 186 The Commonwealth of Massachusetts PRESENTED BY: Julian Cvr **SENATE No. 2204** The Commonwealth of Massachusetts PRESENTED BY: Michael O. Moore HOUSE DOCKET, NO. 1723 FILED ON: 2/10/2021 HOUSE No. 115 The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Carolyn C. Dykema To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill An Act relative to best management practices for wireless in schools and public institutions of PETITION OF

NY Policy Solutions

- Investigate 5G health & environmental risks
 - Senate 5926: Senator Anna Kaplan (District 7)
 - Assembly 06448: Tom Abinanti (District 92), Assemblywoman Jo Anne Simon (District 52),
 Assemblyman Steve Englebright (District 4)

STATE OF NEW YORK

5926

2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

March 23, 2021

Introduced by Sen. KAPLAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Internet and Technology

AN ACT establishing a commission to study the environmental and health effects of evolving 5G technology; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

A06448 Text:

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

March 17, 2021

Introduced by M. of A. ABINANTI, ENGLEBRIGHT, SIMON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT establishing a commission to study the environmental and health effects of evolving 5G technology; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

- 1 Section 1. Legislative intent. The legislature finds that fifth gener-
- 2 ation, or 5G, wireless technology is intended to greatly increase device
- 3 capability and connectivity. Therefore, the legislature finds a commis-
- 4 sion is needed to examine the advantages and risks associated with 5G
- 5 technology, with a focus on its environmental impact and potential
- 6 health effects on citizens of our state.
- 7 § 2. Commission. There is hereby established a temporary commission,
- 8 to be known as the "commission to study the environmental and health
- 9 effects of evolving 5G technology" (hereinafter "the commission"), for 10 the purpose of studying the environmental and health effects of evolving
- 11 wireless technologies, including fifth generation or "5G" technology,
- 12 including the use of earlier generation technologies.
- 13 § 3. Membership. (a) The commission shall consist of fifteen members

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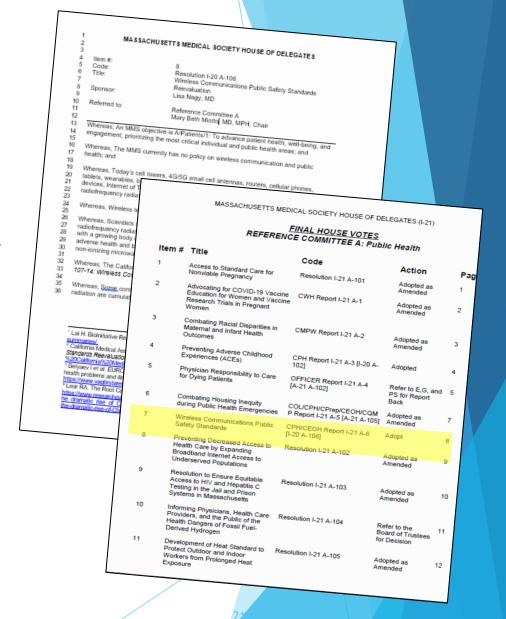
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MA Medical Society

Resolution I-20 A-106:

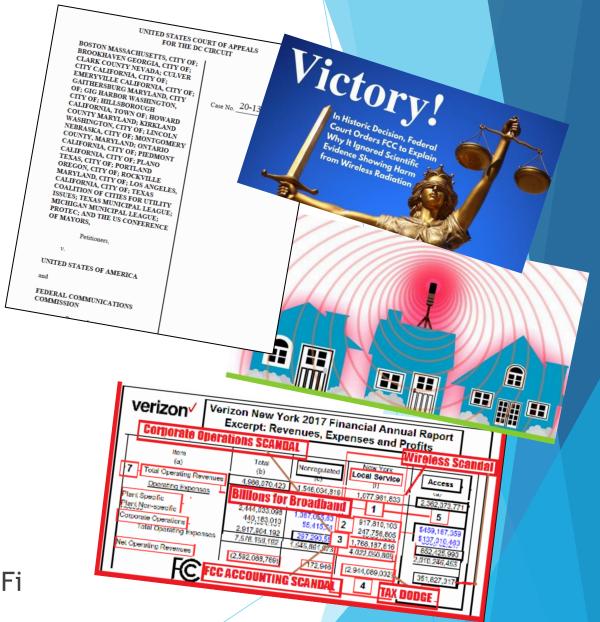
Wireless Communications Public Safety Standards Reevaluation

- Sponsor: Lisa Nagy, MD
- Dr. Cindy Russell, Physicians for Safe Technology
- ▶ Dr. David Carpenter, WHO
- ► Resolution
- Policy Statement



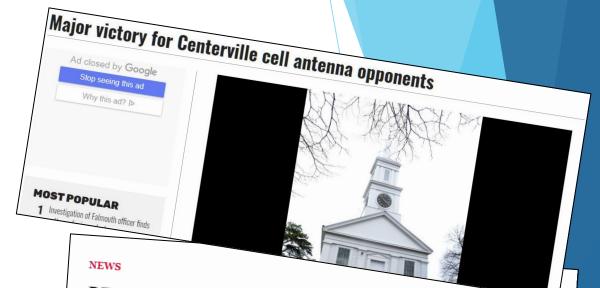
Legal Solutions

- ► FCC Sued:
 - ► IRREGULATORS v. FCC
 - ► Environmental Health Trust
 - Children's Health Defense
 - ► <u>CHD OTARD Rule</u>: Rooftop cell towers
- ► FDA Petition:
 - ► Americans for Responsible Technology
- Fay School ADA: Court recognizes non-thermal biological effects
- Chappaquiddick, Hull, Pittsfield, Centerville lawsuits
- ► EHS: <u>California Appellate Court</u> holds that Wi-Fi sickness is a disability



Public Taking Action

- ► Cell towers
 - Shelburne, MA 1,500' setback in bylaw, 3,000' from schools
 - Wayland 900' setback in bylaw
 - ➤ Dover-Sherborn Regional won
 - Concord relocating tower
 - Petersham AT&T height waiver denied
 - Centerville Concerned Citizens@ Cape Cod
 - Holliston wireless antennas on power lines



How a Verizon Cell Tower Began a Furious Debate in Wayland

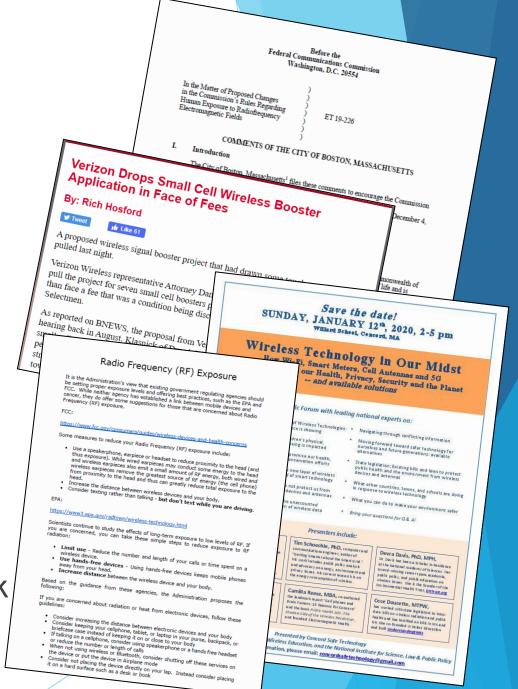
A shooting range, a 141-foot cell tower, and a mob of angry neighbors in one of Boston's toniest suburbs. Inside the feud that's bringing Wayland to its knees.

by JULIE SURATT • 4/11/2019, 5:51 p.m.



MA Towns Taking Action

- City of Boston files with FCC
- City of Boston sues FCC
- Burlington Small Cell Policy
 - National example with <u>Americans for</u> <u>Responsible Technology</u>
 - Bedford, Lincoln, Andover adopting Burlington
- ► <u>Shrewsbury Board of Health</u>
- ► Concord Expert Forum 300+
- ▶ Worcester schools RF statement
- Ruskin Road Neighborhood Forum, Hyde Park with Mike Lynch, Broadband & Cable Office
- ► 150+ <u>national groups</u>



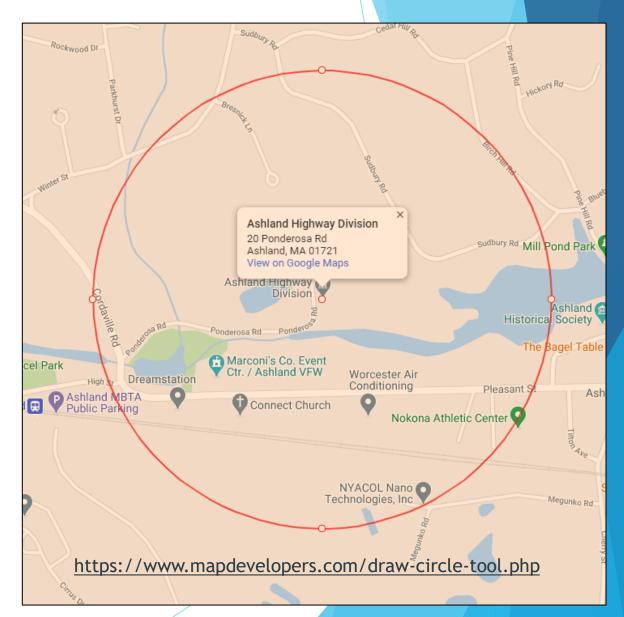
Public Servants Taking Action

- Easton, CT 5G moratorium
- ► Hawaii County bans 5G
- Bermuda temporary 5G moratorium
- ► Worldwide actions



Science: Health Risks

- Ashland, MA Example
- ► <u>500 meters/1,640 feet</u>
- @ 135 Homes + Businesses
 - Sudbury Road
 - ▶ Birch Hill Lane
 - Bresnick Road
 - ► Cordaville Road
 - Ponderosa Road
 - ► Pleasant Street
 - ▶ Winter Street
 - ► Forest Avenue
 - Metcalf Avenue



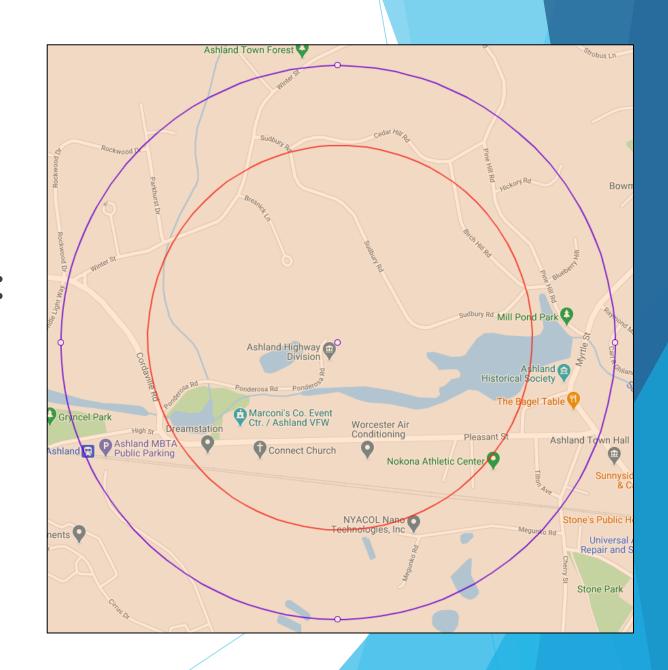
Property Values

- ► 720 meters/2,362 feet
- All of the preceding plus:
 - Parkhurst Drive
 - Harrington Drive
 - Shepherd Lane
 - Pine Hill Road
 - Hickory Road
 - Cedar Hill Road
 - Blueberry Hill
 - Myrtle Street
 - Water Street
 - Tilton Avenue
 - Megunko Hill
 - Raymond Marchetti Street
 - Carl R Ghilani Circle



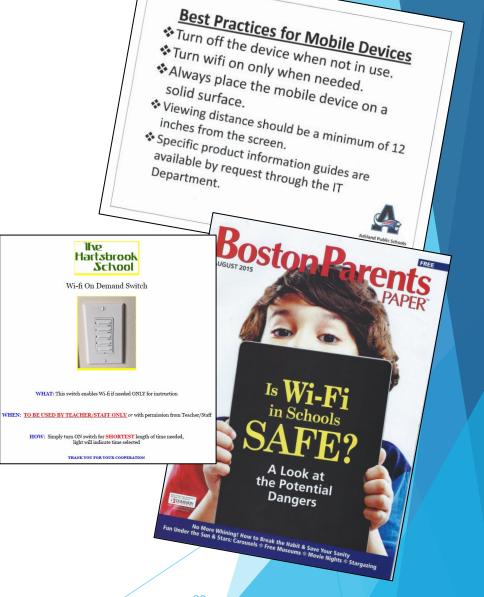
Property Values

- ► 720 meters/2,362 feet
- @ 300 properties
 - Average property value: \$400K - 10% = \$40K loss in value
 - >\$40K x 300 properties = \$12,000,000 potential loss in Ashland taxable assets



MA School Actions

- Ashland first in the nation:
 Best Practices for Mobile Devices
- Hosted expert panel in Shrewsbury: <u>Questioning the Safety of Our Children's</u> <u>Exposure to Wireless Radiation in School</u>
- Worcester Public Schools: RF Exposure
 notice & DPH guidance
- > Waldorf HS hard-wired & turned off wi-fi
- Dover-Sherborn wellness committee tuning in
- Wayland middle school wellness teacher writes curriculum



Schools Actions +

- New York Times: Silicon Valley execs banning screens from their children
- ► <u>TechSafe Schools</u> national program!
- Wireless Education's <u>Schools & Families</u> online course
- Maryland first public health agency to recommend hard-wiring in schools
- ► U.S. Collaborative for High Performance Schools <u>low-EMF best practices</u>
- Cyprus safety recommendations for study at home



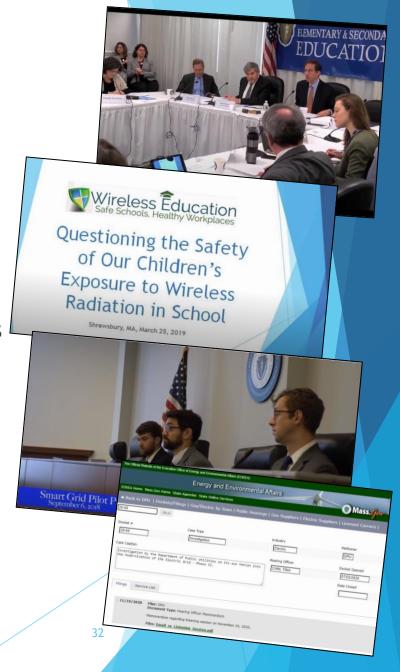
MA DPH/HHS

- ► CA Dept. of Public Health Cell Phone Guidance lawsuit
- ► MA <u>DPH fact sheets</u> withheld
 - ► <u>Boston Globe</u> inquiry
 - ► State's <u>Radiation Control</u> website publishes false, harmful EMF info
 - ► <u>Meeting w/HHS Secretary Sudders</u>
- Oregon Health Authority corruption



MA DESE & DPU

- ► MA Department of <u>Elementary & Secondary Education</u>
- MA Department of Public Utilities
 - ► National Grid Smart Grid Pilot Fraud Hearing 2018
 - ► Eversource & Investor-owned: no opt-out
 - Bridgewater shut off resident's water despite doctors' letters
 - ▶ Dockets 20-69: EVs & Smart Meters
 - ► Sen. Moore, Reps. Linsky & DiZoglio
 - ▶ 160+ Comments
 - ► AGO's recommendations on independent investigation ignored
 - ▶ Urgency: Eversource meters aging out & looking to replace 839,000
 - ► Grid Modernization and Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Educational Webinar 2021
 - ▶ <u>Dr. Kent Chamberlin</u>, <u>Cece Doucette</u> slides



Professional Solutions

- Health Care Training
 - ► <u>EMF Medical Conference</u>
 - ► Physicians for Safe Technology



- Engineers, physicists, technologists, architects, etc.
 - ► Clegg et al., <u>Building science and radiofrequency radiation:</u>

 <u>What makes smart and healthy buildings</u>, Building and

 Environment, 2019
 - ► IEEE Access: <u>Electromagnetic Radiation due to Cellular</u>, <u>Wi-Fi and Bluetooth technologies: How safe are we? 2020</u>
 - ► Silicon Valley engineer <u>Jeromy Johnson TEDx Talk</u>

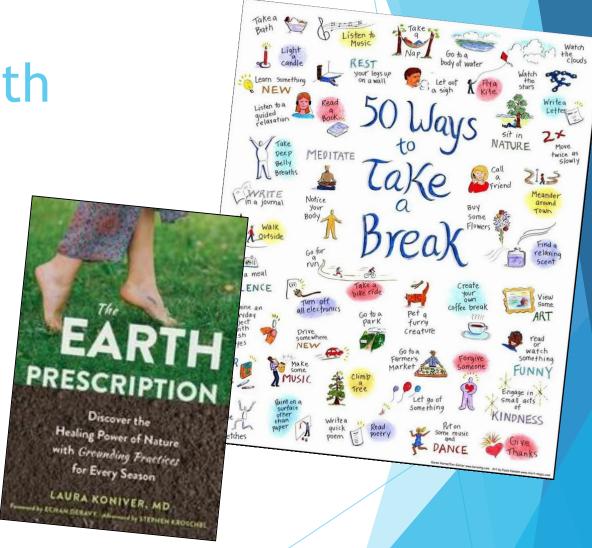
Home & Work Solutions

- Non-profit Wireless Education (@30 min. on-line)
 - ► Schools & Families Course
 - ► Corporate Safety Course
- <u>Building Biology Institute</u> consultants
- Award-winning film <u>Generation</u>
 <u>Zapped</u>
- ► PBS Burt Wolf <u>1808</u> & <u>1809</u>
- Americans for Responsible Technology Tool Kit



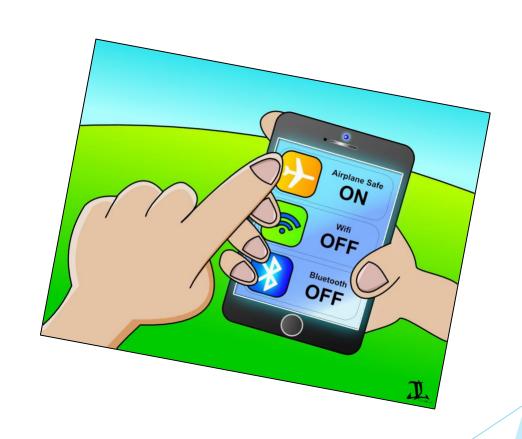
Safe Tech Solutions: Physical & Mental Health

- Avoid excessive screen time
 - Set limits for yourself and children
 - Model good behavior
- ► 50 Ways to Take a Break
- ► The Earth Prescription



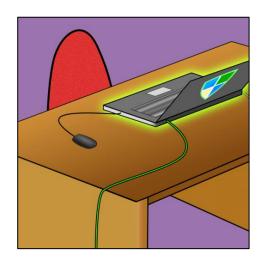
Personal Solutions

- ► All devices off
- Airplane mode
 - ► Cellular Off
 - ► Data Off
 - ► Wi-Fi Off
 - ► Bluetooth Off
 - ► Hotspot Off
- Second-hand radiation: people & pets

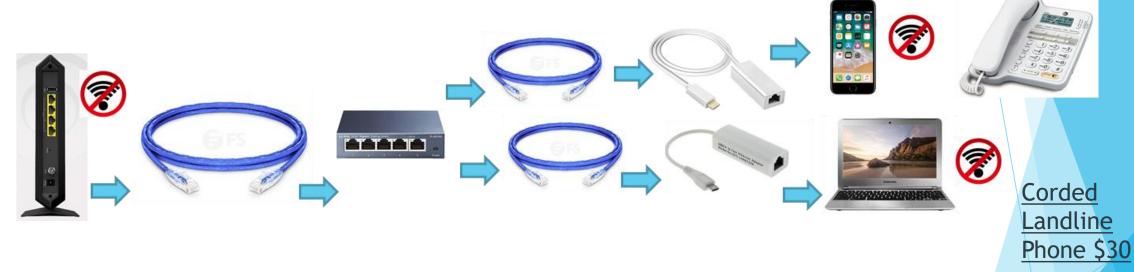


Personal Solutions

- Safe technology is easier than we think: hard-wire
 - Router
 - Shielded Ethernet cables
 - ► Ethernet switch
 - ► <u>Adapters</u>



What Safe Technology Looks Like



Router

Shielded Ethernet Cable: Long @ \$30 Ethernet
Switch
@ \$20

Shielded Ethernet Cables: Short @ \$4-10 Cell Phone & Tablet <u>Adapters</u> @ \$30

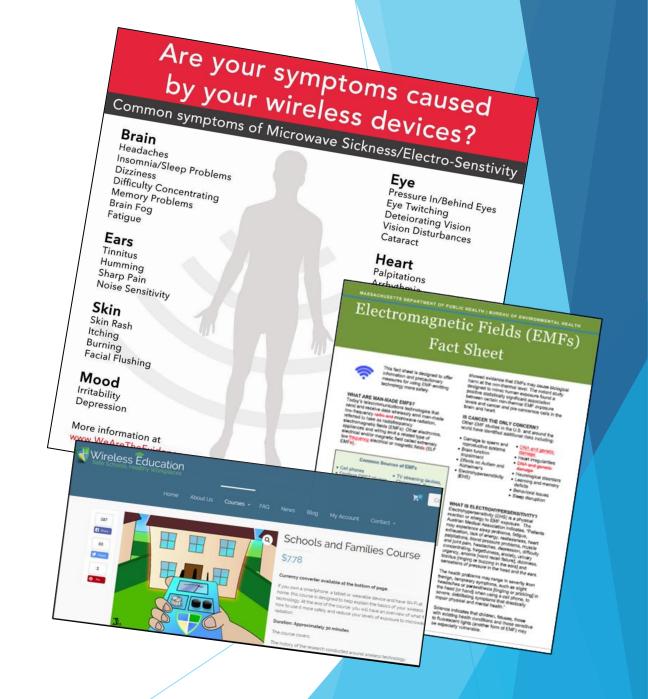
Safe Tech Solutions: Municipal Level

- Investigate:
 - ► Resources for <u>Municipal Leaders</u>
- Differentiate industry priorities vs. public's
 - ► Reinventing Wires: The Future of Landlines and Networks
- ► Measure vs. biological effects
- ALARA, As Low As Reasonably Achievable (CDC)



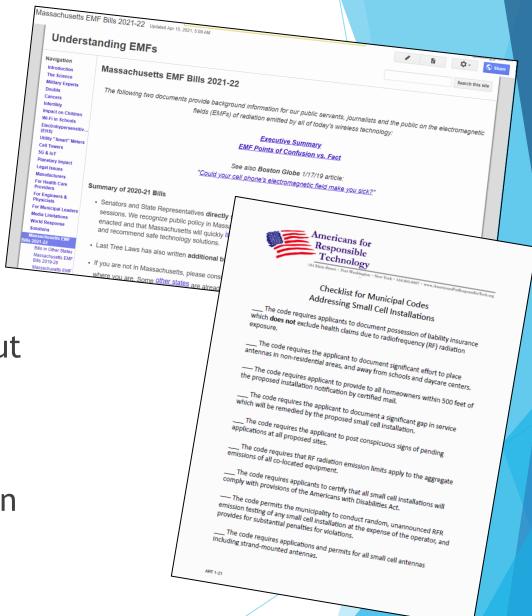
Next Steps

- ► No safe level of EMF/RF
- Transition to <u>As Low As</u>
 Reasonably Achievable (CDC)
- ▶ <u>Dr. Linda Birnbaum</u>: Need state efforts
- ► Enact HB1644
- ► Educate the public
 - ► EMF fact sheets
 - Wireless Education quick on-line training



Next Steps

- ► Local:
 - Form town-wide tech safety committees
 - ► Offer no-fee "smart" meter opt-out
 - Transition to hard-wired in public spaces
 - Strengthen wireless communication facility by-laws: <u>Americans for</u> <u>Responsible Technology tool kit</u>
 - ► National Attorney <u>Andrew Campanelli</u>



Next Steps

- Educate community
 - ➤ Sponsor public/regional forums

 (Tri Town Health Department, Hanscom
 Area Towns Selectboard)
 - Train schools & staff on safe tech ASAP (Cyprus translated from Greek)
 - ► Engage professional associations (MASC, AFL/CIO, Nurses Assoc., Children's Alliance, etc.)



Thank You!

- Massachusetts for Safe Technology
- ► <u>MA4SafeTech@gmail.com</u>
- ► <u>WirelessEducation.org</u>

