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Governor Tony Evers
115 E Capitol # 1,
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Governor Evers,

Americans for Responsible Technology is a national coalition of more than fifty-five organizations from across the country concerned about the manner in which new wireless technologies are being deployed in our nation. We write to you with particular concern regarding the deployment of the next generation of wireless, known as "5G" in Wisconsin.

The deployment of 5G and its dependence on a vast new network of wireless antennas located in close proximity to residential dwellings raises many serious issues, none which have not yet been fully addressed by the wireless industry. These include issues of safety, security, privacy and property values, as well as the health and well-being of citizens.

Despite the robust and growing body of independent, peer-reviewed, academic science indicating serious biological harm from chronic exposure to wireless radiation, including the U.S. National Toxicology Program's recent \$30 million-dollar, 10-year study that found "clear evidence" of cancer from exposure, the Federal Communications Commission has not updated its wireless radiation safety standards since 1996.

Moreover, current wireless safety standards only consider *thermal* impacts from exposure to wireless radiation and do not address biological impacts that have now been proven to be caused by such chronic, low-level exposures – exactly the kind of exposures that will result for anyone living near a powerful wireless antenna.

This type of involuntary exposure of citizens to a known health risk without their informed consent crosses a line government must hold against any industry purveying a dangerous product. Pregnant women, children, the elderly, and people with implanted medical devices are particularly vulnerable to the impacts of chronic exposure to wireless radiation. Why should they be required to shoulder all of the risk?

We believe wireless companies, anxious to reap huge profits from 5G, are pushing federal, state and local officials to fast-track approvals for their new technology before it has actually been proven safe. We urge you to join with a growing list of thoughtful government leaders asking for documentation to support claims by the wireless industry and the FCC that wireless antennas and

related equipment cause no harm to humans or the environment before signing legislation that pre-empts local control, limits the ability of local decision makers to decide how to best integrate this technology into their communities, or otherwise contributes to the industry-generated "race to 5G."

This is a critical issue that demands immediate attention and action from our leaders across the country.

Thank you for your consideration and concern.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DAW" with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Douglas A. Wood
Lead Organizer