

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

5G testing is necessary

Big Telecom is promoting 5G — fifth-generation wireless, as shown in a Feb. 12 article published in the Sheboygan Press, “Sprint, T-Mobile clear hurdle in merger quest.”

5G millimeter waves require small-cell antennas lining streets to connect everything people use to the

internet, from diapers to driverless cars. Along with obvious privacy risks, 5G safety is in question. The Environmental Health Trust reported that several U.S. lawmakers have requested the science showing 5G safety from the Federal Communications Commission. But no documentation has been provided.

The FCC allows millimeter waves within its current radiofrequency radiation (RFR) exposure limits. Limits were set in 1996 and only protect from heating from RFR. In 2019, the FCC renewed the outdated limits, ignoring science showing non-thermal biological effects.

However, major insurers recognize non-thermal RFR risks. Swiss Re warned insurers in 2019 about “an uptick in liability claims” following 5G. Lloyd’s of London compared wireless to asbestos in 2010, and excludes wireless damages coverage.

Two hundred and seventy-three scientists and doctors signed a call for a moratorium on the rollout of 5G called the “5G Appeal,” including oncologist Dr. Lenhart Hardell, of Orebro University in Sweden.

He warns: “There is a substantial body of evidence that this technology is harmful to humans and the environment. The 5G millimeter wave is known to heat the eyes, skin and testes. ... Of particular concern are ... the unborn, children, the infirm, the elderly and the disabled. It is also expected that populations of bees and birds will drastically decline.”

Want to protect health? Tell U.S. lawmakers to halt 5G until scientific safety testing is done.

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