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Hi,

I am writing to you today on the issue of Wi-Fi Safety in Washington State schools.

The January draft report from the Department of Health and the OSPI is unacceptable due to (a) omission or misrepresentation of the conclusions of studies that demonstrate potential harmful effects of RF radiation, specifically on children, and (b) the inclusion of biased data provided by individuals and/or organizations with known financial ties to IRPA, which has a stated aim of developing wireless technology.

Several world health organizations, including the WHO, U.S. Dept. of Health, British Columbia CDC, NIH, National Cancer Institute, and others, have all cited non-trivial evidence of potential health dangers caused by prolonged exposure to RF radiation. Some of these explicitly recommend minimizing or eliminating children's exposure to RF, specifically to cell phone technology. Wi-Fi is in the same frequency range as cell phones, and must be treated accordingly.

Furthermore, studies that focus only on the thermal dangers of RF exposure are completely off the mark. Several studies have shown possible links to cancer, decreased sperm motility, and other harmful effects of RF exposure, none of which is thermal in nature. To ignore the biological effects of exposure is evidence of a partial and biased analysis, rendering the draft report unacceptable and highly-flawed.

Where our children are concerned, the state cannot assume safety merely due to the absence of proof of harm. The Precautionary Principle is the only sensible approach. If a technology cannot be proven biologically safe, it **must not** be deployed in schools where the majority of children will be exposed for several hours a day during most of the year.

To take any less cautious approach is to openly and blatantly serve the demands of industry, at the expense of public health and safety. This would be an egregious violation of the public trust.

I request and expect that the final version of the DOH/OSPI report will remove the biased data provided by industry groups, and will accurately and fairly represent the very real health concerns that the latest science is in fact revealing about the use of wireless technology.

Thank you,

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