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While I appreciate the document “Responding to Wi-Fi Safety Concerns in Our Schools”, I am still deeply concerned that the committee creating that document has missed the point and is failing to apply common sense to this important issue.

Children in our community are being exposed to radiation everywhere they go. While we may not yet have the double-blind, placebo-controlled studies that show how this type of radiation directly causes a range of health and behavioral issues, it seems as if we are conducting a huge experiment on our children and it is only with time that we may discover the impact (perhaps with migraines or behavior, which are far more difficult to attribute to radiation). Just like we have been told in the past that pesticides are safe, global warming is a myth, or GMOs have no negative impacts, we may not realize the negative (and dramatic) impacts until there is a serious public health crisis.

Let’s use common sense: if most children in our community are exposed to this same type of radiation at home, at Starbucks, from their cell phones, on their computers, on the street (cell phone towers), AND at school, isn’t it possible that this could affect their developing brains? Since children are at school for at least six hours per day, those hours of exposure can add up.

My understanding is that taking out Wi-Fi doesn’t mean our children can’t have access to the internet at school. It just means that we would need to wire the schools, which would give access while minimizing the radiation the kids receive.

I know you are trained to look at the scientific evidence that is before you. As a parent of young children in our community and a healthcare provider, I strongly encourage you to take a step backwards and ask yourselves, “Am I potentially causing these children harm?” We do not yet know everything there is to know about how radiation affects the developing brain over time. Please, err on the side of caution with our kids. They trust that you will keep them safe.

Thank you,

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