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White House: Publicize U.S. National Toxicology Program Findings

As shoppers select Christmas presents for loved ones, few are aware that the U.S. National Toxicology Program (NTP) announced findings earlier this year that non-thermal levels of radiation from wireless technology can break DNA and cause cancer (<u>http://ehtrust.org/science/facts-national-toxicology-program-cellphone-rat-cancer-study/</u>).

Decades of studies show an epidemiological link between the radiofrequency (RF) radiation emitted by wireless technology and cancer. A recent replicated European study found that wireless radiation promotes cancer growth.

Yet, the public remains largely unaware of the NTP findings and similar results from previous studies.

"People have the right to know that exposure to radiation from wireless technology increases their risk of getting cancer," says Catherine Kleiber, webmaster and author of <u>www.electricalpollution.com</u>, about why she started the White House petition asking that the findings be publicized (<u>https://wh.gov/iewmv</u>)

The NTP study tested full-body exposures to wireless radiation on rats. The RF exposure rating (SAR) of many cellphones is over or near to that shown in the NTP study to cause cancer and in the fine print manufacturers often tell users not to put phones in pockets or hold them directly to their heads (<u>http://showthefineprint.org/see-the-fine-print</u>). Exposure levels found to cause biological effects in other studies can be found commonly in urban environments (<u>http://emfsafetynetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Biological-Effects-From-RF-Radiation-and-Implications-for-Smart-Meters-June-5-2013-2.pdf</u>). Section 704 of the 1996 Telecommunication Act makes it impossible for municipalities to regulate or minimize these exposures.

Congress passed the 1996 Telecommunications Act in response to intensive lobbying by the Telecom industry. The act prevents ordinary citizens and responsive local government from protecting public health and the environment by stopping wireless antennas (e.g. cell towers).

Glioma, the cancer increased by wireless radiation exposure in the NTP study, is increasing 1.3%-2.3% per year over a 15-year period, which was statistically significant (<u>http://microwavenews.com/news-center/ntp-and-brain-tumor-rates</u>).

Virginia Farver, who lost a son to cellphone-related Glioblastoma Multiforme brain cancer, says "It is time for the U.S. Federal government and state and local governments to adhere to the 'Precautionary Principle' in regards to wireless radiation. The newly released NTP study clearly finds adverse health effects from wireless exposures. With the proliferation of wireless over the last few years, the public must be made aware of the dangers of what they are being exposed to. It is time to protect ourselves and the lives of our children."

Kleiber urges action. She suggests signing the White House Petition requesting President Obama to publicize the NTP findings and then calling your Congress people to request that they repeal section 704 of the 1996 Telecommunications Act.

According to Kleiber, most people have control over the sources of their own highest exposure to wireless radiation and can act quickly on their own to minimize their exposure by taking the steps on the Solutions page at <u>www.electricalpollution.com</u>. Furthermore, they can protect loved ones by purchasing non-wireless Christmas gifts.