

29 September 2015

Dear Federal Electoral Candidate,

**Subject: Request for your support of four (4) initiatives based on the June 2015 recommendations of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health (HESA) regarding wireless radiation and technology**

I am writing as a volunteer for Canadians for Safe Technology (C4ST) to follow up on an earlier email sent to you by Frank Clegg, CEO of C4ST (September 3rd). C4ST is a national, volunteer-based, not-for-profit organization with Riding Representatives in over 70 ridings. C4ST has worked with elected officials at all levels of all political stripes for the past three years on the issue of safer use of wireless technology.

This past June, the Standing Committee on Health (HESA), after hearing testimony from witnesses with a range of views, presented to the House of Commons a report with 12 recommendations (see Appendix below) relating to the safer use of wireless technology e.g. cell phones, tablets, Wi-Fi routers, etc. by Canadians, especially by children. The motion to examine this emerging public health and safety issue was made by Liberal Party MP Dr. Hedy Fry, seconded by NDP Health Critic at the time, MP Libby Davies and unanimously supported by all Conservative Party members.

**C4ST is asking you to please support these four initiatives which we consider to be of highest priority:**

- 1. A wireless technology awareness campaign:** Develop an awareness campaign relating to the safe use of wireless technologies, such as cell phones and Wi-Fi, in key environments such as the school and home. See Recommendation 9.
- 2. More protective measures for children:** Investigate, and potentially adopt, measures taken in other countries to limit the exposure of vulnerable populations, including infants, and young children in the school environment to radiofrequencies. See Recommendation 8.
- 3. Research into electrosensitivity:** Improve the testing, diagnosis, treatment and data collection regarding electromagnetic hypersensitivity and its possible impact on health in the workplace. See Recommendation 3.
- 4. Establish a database to collect adverse reaction reports to radiofrequency wireless devices.** See Recommendation 4.

If supportive, C4ST would like to post your name on our website <http://c4st.org/CandidatesWhoCare>.

Please reply to me by email (below) or to [candidateswhocare@c4st.org](mailto:candidateswhocare@c4st.org) confirming you agree to be listed on the C4ST website as supporting these four initiatives.

Your support will help make use of wireless technology safer for all Canadians.

I would be glad to discuss this further and to provide some of the science underpinning the recommendations.

Sincerely,

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## **Appendix: Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health (HESA) Recommendations**

### **Report Title: RADIOFREQUENCY ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATION AND THE HEALTH OF CANADIANS**

Report of the Standing Committee on Health (HESA), Ben Lobb Chair

JUNE 2015 41st PARLIAMENT, SECOND SESSION

<http://www.parl.gc.ca/content/hoc/Committee/412/HESA/Reports/RP8041315/hesarp13/hesarp13-e.pdf>

#### **RECOMMENDATION 1**

That the Government of Canada, in collaboration with the health departments of the provinces and territories, examine existing cancer data collection methods to improve the collection of information relating to wireless device use and cancer.

#### **RECOMMENDATION 2**

That Statistics Canada consider including questions related to electromagnetic hypersensitivity in the Canadian Community Health Survey.

#### **RECOMMENDATION 3**

That the Government of Canada, through the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, consider funding research into electromagnetic hypersensitivity testing, diagnosis and treatment, and its possible impacts on health in the workplace.

#### **RECOMMENDATION 4**

That the Canadian Medical Association, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, the College of Family Physicians of Canada and the World Health Organization consider updating their guidelines and continuing education materials regarding the diagnosis and treatment of electromagnetic hypersensitivity to ensure they are based on the latest scientific evidence and reflect the symptoms of affected Canadians.

#### **RECOMMENDATION 5**

That the Government of Canada continue to provide reasonable accommodations for environmental sensitivities, including electromagnetic hypersensitivity, as required under the *Canadian Human Rights Act*.

#### **RECOMMENDATION 6**

That Health Canada ensure the openness and transparency of its processes for the review of Safety Code 6, so that all Canadians have an opportunity to be informed about the evidence considered or excluded in such reviews, that outside experts are provided full information when doing independent reviews, and that the scientific rationale for any change is clearly communicated.

#### **RECOMMENDATION 7**

That the Government of Canada establish a system for Canadians to report potential adverse reactions to radiofrequency fields.

#### **RECOMMENDATION 8**

That an independent scientific body recognized by Health Canada examine whether measures taken and guidelines provided in other countries, such as France and Israel, to limit the exposure of vulnerable populations, including infants, and young children in the school environment, to radiofrequencies should be adopted in Canada.

#### **RECOMMENDATION 9**

That the Government of Canada develop an awareness campaign relating to the safe use of wireless technologies, such as cell phones and Wi-Fi, in key environments such as the school and home to ensure that Canadian families and children are reducing risks related to radiofrequency exposure.

#### **RECOMMENDATION 10**

That Health Canada conduct a comprehensive review of all existing literature relating to radiofrequency fields and carcinogenicity based on international best practices.

#### **RECOMMENDATION 11**

That the Government of Canada, through the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, consider funding research into the link between radiofrequency fields and potential health effects such as cancer, genetic damage, infertility, impairment to development and behaviour, harmful effects to eyes and on the brain, cardiovascular, biological and biochemical effects.

#### **RECOMMENDATION 12**

That the Government of Canada and manufacturers consider policy measures regarding the marketing of radiation emitting devices to children under the age of 14, in order to ensure they are aware of the health risks and how they can be avoided.