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To all candidates for election
to the 44th Canadian Parliament



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Subject: Request for your support for full implementation of the 2015 House of Commons Standing Committee on Health recommendations regarding wireless radiation and the health of Canadians

Dear Candidate,

I am writing on behalf of Canadians for Safe Technology (C4ST), to ask you to support an important science-based health and safety matter.

In 2015, the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health (HESA) studied wireless radiation e.g., from cell phones, and the protection of the health of Canadians. The subsequent report, *Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Radiation and the Health of Canadians*,¹ received unanimous ALL PARTY support from committee members. However, the report's 12 recommendations, appended below, have not been fully implemented.

Evidence was presented to HESA members by national and international scientific and medical experts, representatives from the wireless industry, Health Canada and Industry Canada (now Innovation, Science and Economic Development). I also had the privilege of presenting on behalf of C4ST. The report noted that:

“The potential risks of exposure to RF (radiofrequency) fields are a serious public health issue that needs to be brought to the attention of Canadians.”

If you agree, we would like to identify your name and party affiliation on our webpage www.c4st.org/candidateswhocare

Please express your support for full implementation of these important recommendations by sending an email to candidateswhocare@c4st.org. Please provide your name, riding, and statement that you agree to be listed on our webpage as supportive of the recommendations from the HESA report. Please include any other information such as examples of initiatives that you may choose to pursue after getting elected (see Appendix).

You will find studies published since 2015 that provide even more scientific evidence of the urgency of this issue, on our website: <https://c4st.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Supplemental-Material-for-Suspend-5G-Canada-Appeal.pdf>

I look forward to your response, and to including your commitment online, joining *Candidates Who Care About Canadians' Health*.

Sincerely,

Frank Clegg
CEO, Canadians for Safe Technology (C4ST)
Former President of Microsoft Canada

¹ <https://www.ourcommons.ca/documentviewer/en/41-2/hesa/report-13>

OUR ORGANIZATION: Canadians for Safe Technology (C4ST) is a volunteer coalition of parents, scientists and citizens whose mission is to educate Canadians and policy makers about the dangers of exposures to unsafe levels of radiofrequency/microwave radiation from commonly used wireless devices and cellular antennas and to provide information on how to use wireless devices more safely. C4ST works with all levels of government to create healthier communities for children and families.

APPENDIX

Examples of initiatives a Member of Parliament can take to support the implementation of the HESA report recommendations. Being a member of the HESA or Industry committees is not required to take action.

1. Agree to meet with your constituent and C4ST within 60 days of taking office.
 2. Work with C4ST and host a seminar or webinar for a peer group of MPs regarding the harmful effects of the radiation from wireless devices.
 3. Raise the issue of implementing the recommendations in caucus.
 4. Sponsor an e-petition put forward by a constituent regarding recommendations from the HESA report.
 5. Write a letter introducing C4ST to the Minister of Health or the Minister of Industry, Science and Economic Development and asking to meet.
 6. Ask the Minister of Health to provide the specific scientific publications and weight of evidence analysis that Health Canada uses to deem radiofrequency radiation as safe for human long-term exposures, and that the analysis be published for the general public on the Health Canada website.
 7. Ask the Chair of HESA to have the scientific evidence of radiofrequency radiation's harm that has been published since 2015 reviewed by an independent panel of experts that should report back to HESA within one year; to have the 12 recommendations from the HESA 2015 report updated; and to have Health Canada report back to the HESA Committee.
 8. Ask the Minister of Health to engage an unbiased panel to revise Safety Code 6 (2015) based on the international standards of literature review. The 2015 version was a revision of Safety Code 6 (2009). Given the evidence found in major studies since then, an update of Safety Code 6 (2015) is overdue.
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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

RECOMMENDATIONS

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.