

Here is the updated info on where to send SB 649 opposition and a template - also see link to League of CA cities template, AARP letter and EMFSN letter. If you know other groups please pass the info on. We want to grow and strengthen the opposition.

SB 649 opposition letters need to be sent by August 15 addressed to

Assembly Member Lorena S. Gonzalez Fletcher,
Chair Assembly Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 2114
Sacramento, California 95814
Strongly oppose SB 649 (as amended on 7/18/2017)

Email

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Sample template:

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Dear Assembly Member Lorena S. Gonzalez Fletcher:

[YOUR ORGANIZATION] strongly opposes SB 649 which would represent a major shift in telecommunications policy and law. SB 649 would dramatically increase cell towers in our neighborhood's and countrysides throughout California. SB 649 would harm Californians.

SB 649 would eliminate public input and local zoning authority, with an "over-the-counter" permit process to install or modify cell towers. Refrigerator sized cell tower equipment would be deployed on and near utility and light poles.

SB 649 essentially deregulates the telecom industry. SB 649 abandons the public to trust the telecom industry to certify radiation safety.

SB 649 would increase harmful radiation. International independent scientists are calling for reducing RFR based on peer-reviewed published science showing RFR harms the public and nature, and children are especially vulnerable. Studies found radiation causes a wide range of health impacts: "Effects

include increased cancer risk, cellular stress, increase in harmful free radicals, genetic damages, structural and functional changes of the reproductive system, learning and memory deficits, neurological disorders, and negative impacts on general well-being in humans.” There is more information on the adverse health effects of microwave radiation provided at the following link. <https://www.emfscientist.org/>

Peer reviewed published studies found radiation harms nature, trees, birds, and bees. Studies of radiation impacts on wild birds documented nest abandonment, plumage deterioration and death. https://www.ntia.doc.gov/files/ntia/us_doi_comments.pdf

216 cities and 34 counties oppose SB 649. 43 health, environment and consumer justice organizations representing millions of Californians oppose SB 649 including: Environmental Working Group, Sierra Club California, California League of Conservation Voters, AARP American Association of Retired Persons, Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments, Center for Environmental Health, Citizens for Health, The Utility Reform Network, Teens Turning Green, As You Sow, Baby Safe Project, Bay Area Educators for Safe Tech, California Brain Tumor Association, Chico Chapter of Weston A. Price Foundation, Citizens For A Radiation Free Community, Consumers for Safe Cell Phones, Daily Acts, East Bay Move to Amend, Ecological Options Network, EMF Safety Network, Environmental Health Trust, Environmental Voices, EMR Protection Forum, Green Sangha, Health & Habitat Inc, Healthy 880 Communities, Law Offices of Harry V. Lehmann PC, Marin Chapter of the Weston A. Price Foundation, Mom’s Across America, Parents for a Safer Environment, The Peoples Initiative Foundation, Physicians for Safe Technology, Radiation Research Trust, Sacramento Smart Meter Awareness, Sage Associates, Scientists for Wired Technology, Seniors for Environmental Awareness, Stop Smart Meters, Veterans for Radiation Safety, Windheim EMF Solutions, Wireless Radiation Alert Network, Wireless Radiation Education and Defense, and Your Own Health and Fitness.

SB 649 benefits telecoms and harms communities and nature. We urge you to vote NO on SB 649.

Sincerely,

[YOUR ORGANIZATION]

League of California Cities SB 649 template: [https://www.cacities.org/Policy-Advocacy/Action-Center/SB-649-\(Hueso\)-Wireless-and-Small-Cell-Telecommuni](https://www.cacities.org/Policy-Advocacy/Action-Center/SB-649-(Hueso)-Wireless-and-Small-Cell-Telecommuni)

AARP in California Letter - <http://whatis5g.info/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/SB-649-Oppose-Final.pdf>

EMF Safety Network Letter - <http://whatis5g.info/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/SB-649-UPDATE-762017.pdf>