

OUR COMMUNITY, OUR STREET, OUR CHOICE !

Stop SB 1188 & HB 1767

If you don't want a microwave radiating cell tower outside your home, now is the time to speak up!

SB 1188 and HB 1767 have been cross-filed in the Maryland General Assembly. If passed, these Bills would allow Telecom to force on us *high-intensity, microwave radiating* cell tower antennas in front of homes and in our communities while removing local control.

Our legislators should protect citizens' interests, NOT the wireless industry's reckless and ill-considered power grab!

SB 1188 & HB 1767 would

- Preempt local zoning rights for the placement of these microwave radiating transmitters
- Remove our rights to stop the installation of a transmitting antenna
- Allow cell antennas in public rights-of-way -- on utility poles, light poles, rooftops, etc.
- Exempt Telecom from indemnifying municipalities if found liable for damage
- **Hugely** cap rates municipalities can charge for use of poles
- Overwhelm municipalities with applications to be reviewed and approved within a short timespan.
- Exempt Telecom from carrying insurance for health effects caused by radiation emitted from these antennas.

These Are **NOT** "Small" Antennas!

Telecom dubs these huge and dangerous installations "*Small Wireless Facilities*". In fact, they may include a refrigerator-sized power supply box that houses equipment such as nickel cadmium or lithium ion batteries, computers, and noisy cooling fans (See image). Moving up the pole, there are boxes for a wireless smart meter, a radio base station, and radio transmitters. One or more "small cell" antennas, measuring 3-6 cubic feet, will be mounted atop the pole and complete the eyesore ("small" cell not seen in image).



These Cell Towers Enable Privacy Violations & Harm Our Health !

Telecom tells us the purpose of these big installations and dense infrastructure (perhaps a million new towers in the US) is to improve coverage and provide faster download speeds, but the *real purpose* is to enable massive data collection in our homes (Internet of Things) and when out and about (Smart Cities).

**5G, IoT "things", and our devices are not the product.
WE ARE**

In September 2017, 190 leading scientists signed an Appeal calling for a *moratorium on 5G* due to serious health effects.

The scientists stated that Microwave Frequencies used for all wireless devices and infrastructures are "...**proven to be harmful to humans and the environment.**" Health effects include increased cancer risk, DNA damage, reproductive harms, Microwave Sickness, neurological disorders, sleep disturbance and immune and cardiovascular disorders. The scientists conclude that there is already an existing "*pan-epidemic*".

**We can turn off wireless devices in our home but
cannot turn off cell towers next to our home!**

California's Governor **vetoed** a similar Bill (SB649) after *massive protests and outrage*.

300 California cities, 47 counties and dozens of organizations opposed the California Bill, including: AARP, Sierra Club, State of California Department of Finance, Greenlining Institute, California League of Conservation Voters, Physicians for Safe Technology, and Environmental Working Group.

**Maryland's SB 1188 and HB 1767 must be
stopped!**

TAKE ACTION: Please see the *Take Action* page of www.whatis5g.info.

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