

Dear Governor,

I have been a breast cancer surgeon in Orange County for 44 years. Over the past several years I have been treating more and more young women with breast cancer. The women have no genetic markings or family history for breast cancer and no known exposures. Their young ages were especially troubling. Some asked me if their cancer had anything to do with carrying their cell phone in their bras for hours daily while the phone was on and connected to a wireless network. I was skeptical at first, but after 4 young women each of which had multiple small invasive cancers directly below where they stored their cell phone in their bras, I became convinced that cell phones when placed directly in contact with the breast for prolonged periods of time could cause breast cancer.

I began asking others about this and indeed many with these baffling early breast cancers kept their phones on in their bras exactly where the tumors developed. One patient worked on an assembly line manufacturing cellular phones. When the phones got to her they were on. She developed identical breast tumors on the underside of both breasts directly above where the phones passed

her on the conveyor belt for hours daily. And this exposure was at a distance.

I have been in touch with other colleagues about this including Dr. Lisa Bailey, breast cancer surgeon at Alta Bates Hospital in Berkeley, Dr. Robert Nagourney in Long Beach and Dr. Nimmi Kapoor from Cedars-Sinai. Also, I am continuing to receive calls from patient and doctors across the USA who have had similar cases.

Until this happened I did not realize that the telecom industry hid deep within the phone that one should never carry the phone against the body. I also had not realized until then that many in California have brain tumors more likely than not related to cell phone use. I also learned that there are cancer clusters in California near cell towers. One of those was on the San Diego State University campus- 9 persons in one building perished after working in Nasitir Hall next to a cell tower- professors and student teaching assistants as young as 25 died.

I am strongly opposed to SB 649. 5G has never been proven safe. I am familiar with the recent US NTP study which exposed laboratory animals to 2G (far less powerful than 5G) and the animals developed brain tumors and tumors near their hearts. The WHO/IARC classification of wireless radiation as a possible carcinogen does indeed include cell tower emissions. Those who classified RF as a

possible carcinogen said if they had the US NTP study in hand in 2011 wireless radiation would be a probable or absolute carcinogen.

It shocks and saddens me that SB 649 got as far as it has. Despite many trying to educate the legislators on the health risks, legislators chose to ignore those warnings, shoving them aside as "tin foil hat crazies". Nothing could be further than the truth. I have met the experts, read the science, know those dying and this is all too real.

We cannot allow this industry to employ the infrastructure currently suggested in SB 649. We cannot expose our children and grandchildren to a possible carcinogen 24/7 with no monitoring and no opt out. I am not anti -technology but I cannot support something as audacious as this in the name of advancing technology. There are other options- such as keeping infrastructure away from schools and homes or using fiber optics.

I have read the independent peer reviewed science on this matter and understand that wireless radiation is also linked to brain tumors, salivary gland tumors, testicular cancer, damage to fetuses, autism, ADHD, Alzheimers, infertility and more.

How in good conscience can we possibly unleash this throughout California? Yes cellular equipment is further from the body than a

cell phone but there are thousands of studies proving health risks from cell tower exposure. We cannot ignore that.

How can it be that the firefighters, who have known for many years that cell towers can harm them, were given an exemption but our families will not be protected? This is not the California I know and love.

Governor Brown, you are a good sensible man. Please veto SB 649. This is a horrible bill.

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