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My name is Karen Strode. I am a registered pharmacist and I work for a university where I coordinate the financing of clinical cancer trials.

I am here today representing a group of citizens who will *not* benefit from wireless 5G networks, and will instead experience severe and debilitating health effects from this technology.

I was diagnosed with electrical hypersensitivity in 2012. I have included a letter from my doctor documenting my diagnosis. I experience head, neck and chest pain from WiFi, smart meters, cell phones and cordless phones.

My doctor recommended that I transform my home into a “safe haven,” and it is for this reason that I am able to heal and to be here today. We removed all wireless technology and have a hard-wired internet connection for computer and TV. Our smart meter has the radio function turned off. The nearest cell tower is a mile away.

This bill will bring powerful and untested infrastructure to every residential street, including mine. My physician mandates that my residence be free from this radiation, however the 5G installation at the street light in our front yard will make it impossible for me to live there.

SB 637 must be amended to include provisions for medical accommodation for people like me with electrical hypersensitivity. This is crucial!!

In regards to this bill “providing better access to emergency services”: We can learn from what California residents (specifically Santa Rosa) are saying about 5G after the wildfires last October. After 77 cell towers were destroyed city residents demanded, not more cellular options but **landlines as a reliable option in a power outage**. Wireless Nixie alerts and all other wireless means of communication instantly went down after this disaster.

Also, the equipment cabinets found next to every 5G utility pole contain lithium ion batteries stored as backup power. These explode in any fire.

California residents wanted infrastructure underground—fiber optic internet to every home.

****5G equipment proved useless and even hazardous in this disaster.****

Respectfully submitted,

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