Comments on Notice of Inquiry, ET Docket No. 13-84 to FCC
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I spent several years holding a cell phone next to my head for several hours a day a couple days every week. When I heard this could present a health hazard, I switched to a blue tooth headset. After using the headset for a couple years, I used a meter to find out if EMF was being emitted by the headset. I was shocked to learn that the headset is also emitting non-ionizing radiation. I switched to using the speaker on my cell phone.

When I am forced to hold the phone to my head because I am in a location that would not be appropriate for speaker phone, I develop headaches. When I use the speaker phone capability and do not hold the phone to my head, I do not feel any discomfort.

I wish the FCC would reduce the amount of EMF allowed to be emitted by cell and cordless phone manufacturers, so the potential danger would be lessened.

I am so concerned about my children keeping their phones in their pockets and putting their laptop computers on their laps. They need their phones to be in touch with their parents when they are away, and they need their computers to do their homework. I try to force them to put the computers on a desk and keep their phones in their backpacks. If you are a parent, you know it is difficult to force teenagers and pre-teens to do what you want, especially when they are at school and at activities and at friends' houses.

I wish the FCC would reduce the amount of EMF allowed to be emitted by cell and cordless phone manufacturers, so the vulnerable children in our population would not be bombarded by this possible carcinogen for decades of their life.

I am so sad that I know two beautiful, smart, seemingly healthy women in their 40s who were both killed by brain cancer. A friend of mine knows another one. I am so sad my husband's uncle was killed by brain cancer.

I am concerned that my friend who is a nurse in a brain trauma ward says she sees more and more people with brain tumors, and the patients afflicted are younger and younger.

Please look at the studies done outside of the United States as well as the “studies” done in the United States that were funded by the telecommunications industry.

Please don’t wait for 30 years to take action, as previous leaders did when tobacco was thought to be dangerous but the “studies” didn’t confirm it. My friend’s mother died of lung cancer. Perhaps if her doctors didn’t tell her to have a cigarette when she was nervous during pregnancy and while raising four children, she would have gotten to meet and nurture her grandchildren. But the doctors believed those studies, because the government confirmed their validity.

Don’t make the same mistakes as your predecessors.

Please do the right thing, not the easy thing.

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