My Personal Story with Microwave Sickness

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I first became affected by microwave sickness in Jan of 2011. This was approximately a couple of weeks after a T-Mobile Cell Tower was placed across the street from my house at Max Baer Park in Livermore. At the time, I lived at 1377 Murdell Lane. I used T-Mobile as my cell phone provider and watched T-Mobile build the Cell tower and saw my cell phone go from 2 bars to full bars at the end of Dec, so I know that is when it went live. I was in between jobs at this time and at home most of the time with my two children. The microwave sickness started with what felt like sinus headaches whenever I was at home. Normally, I did not get headaches unless I was sick. It had previously been a very rare occurrence. After leaving my house for an hour or two, the headache went away. I also started having problems sleeping at night. Noticing the pattern, I started to wonder if it was the cell tower causing the problems. After doing significant research online, I found many other people who had also experienced these problems after a cell tower was built close to them. Over the course of a month or two, the problems got much worse. I developed Tinnitus (ringing in my ears), hearing sensitivity, and the feeling of electric currents going through my head, in addition to worsening headaches and insomnia. I learned from others in my neighborhood that I was not the only one having these new problems.

I also started having problems whenever I used a cell phone and if I was close to a wireless router for about 30 min or more. I tried many things to try and solve this problem. I purchased an EMF meter. I turned off our Wi-fi and had our Smart Meter removed. I removed anything wireless from our house. I had special window tints put on all our windows to block the radiation from the cell tower. I purchased a Faraday canopy to sleep under at night and for the first time I was able to get a good night sleep again. I purchased a silver-laced scarf and wore it around my head whenever I was home, which helped with the headaches. I tried to stay in the back of my house as much as possible to be farther away from the cell tower, and tried to leave the house whenever I could. Unfortunately, this was not enough and my husband and I decided we need to move. It had been an extremely difficult time for us. It was not easy to find a place not close to a cell tower or other EMF source and still keep our kids in the same school district. After about a year, we finally found a new home, which we've been in for about 6 years now. At least one other family close to us also moved because of health issues from the cell tower. Another person I know got cancer less than 2 years after living close to the same cell tower. We have removed all sources of wireless radiation from our current home, and I do not have any symptoms of microwave illness when I am at home, unless a visitor uses a cell phone in the house for a period of time.

The microwave sickness has also affected me at my job. When I first started my current job in 2012, I was ok as long as I wasn't close to a wireless router for a long period of time. I would look for all the wireless routers in a meeting room and always try to sit as far away as I could. Then one day, our IT Dept upgraded the wireless in our office and I started getting terrible headaches and couldn't work. I went to HR and told them about my problem.
Thankfully, they were very accommodating and turned the wireless router close to me off. My headache went away and I was able to work again. Several years went by and my company moved locations and downsized to a much smaller office. There was no place to be far enough away from the wireless routers in the small office, and I got a headache and could not work. After discussions with management, my company agreed to let me work from home full-time, which I have now been doing for the last year and a half. I feel fine working from home.

My son (now 12 years old) has also suffered from microwave illness in the past, although not as extensively as I had. When he was in 4th grade, he started getting headaches shortly after the wireless was upgraded at his school and they continued to get worse and worse, until he finally told me about it 1-2 months later. He told me the headaches would start after sitting in the classroom for an hour or two, and would go away about 10 minutes later after he left the classroom. He had never complained about a headache before and never got headaches outside the classroom. He told me it was so bad that he had been going to the bathroom extra just to get away from it. He was not able to concentrate. After visiting the classroom with my EMF meter and seeing that my son sat very close to the newly upgraded router, and talking to the principal and teacher, he was moved to a location further away in the classroom. He did not have any more headaches after the move. In his subsequent year at the school, I requested he be put in a room without a wireless router and that request was accommodated. Thankfully, he has not had any more problems at school.

I am very concerned about the implementation of 5G with its cell transmitters every 2-10 homes emitting ultra-high wireless frequencies. I have gone to great lengths to live and work in an environment away from wireless frequencies so that I can actually function. With 5G, I fear we will need to move again to a very remote location, which will greatly affect our family. There have been so many proven studies that show how harmful cell towers and other wireless technologies can be on the human body. Being part of online communities who are suffering from microwave sickness/EHS and looking for solutions, I know there are a lot of people out there in much worse situations. I really hope that lawmakers can find ways to protect and help those who are suffering, rather than causing more harm.

