On June 9th, 2018, I, Stephanie Dickerson from Flowery Branch GA, was an orchestra teacher for Gwinnett County Public Schools from 2002-2012. I'm married and now teach music classes in my home. I went to Julliard School of Music and spent 20 years playing in professional orchestras around the country before deciding to teach. Teaching in school became my passion.

I began having symptoms in about 2006 and spent several years trying to medically resolve my physical symptoms: no sleep, anxiety, high cortisol levels, moody. These were attributed to hormonal changes, but no treatments or medications improved my condition.

By July 2012, my symptoms had increased in severity. I was worried about my health; lack of sleep, loss of a positive outlook on life, digestive disorders and strange onsets of anxiety with no probable cause. My husband and I were baffled at my health deterioration. One day in July 2012, my husband happened to unplug our Wi-Fi. I had an immediate sense of relief. Even though we had no notion of the connection of Wi-Fi to health issues, we decided to leave our Wi-Fi unplugged and see how I felt. Each day I improved, so we decided to go without Wi-Fi and keep our cellphones off in the house. My symptoms disappeared and I felt well again.

School started back in August 2012, and I was excited to have an energetic year of teaching. I felt great and realized the teacher-based Wi-Fi system did not have any noticeable effects on me. I used a hard-wired laptop computer in my classroom.

In September 2012, a student-based industrial strength wireless system was installed with a Wi-Fi router in each classroom. I had hopes that I would be ok and would be able to recover any ill feelings at my home. I became extremely ill by the second day. By the 4th day I was unable to think or recall students' names, remember lesson plans, and knew I was in trouble. My symptoms were: Inability to think, weak, nauseous, depressed and also had suicidal thoughts. That night, I woke up with my heart pounding so hard I thought I would see my last heartbeat any minute. I met with HR and they told me absolutely no accommodations would be made for microwave illness, and I was forced to leave my job.

How has this affected my life? Microwave illness did not clear as soon as I left my job. The damage to my body was done. My body was injured and needed time to heal. I came home very ill for many months. My husband had to take over all my household duties. I was able to recover enough, but now, as wireless signals increase and spread, avoidance becomes impossible, even in my home. I have already moved in order to flee a home with too many surrounding cell towers and SmartMeters. 5G will make my life impossible. I cannot live in 5G nor visit an area that would have 5G. I had planned to retire to NC, but they just passed a law to fast-track 5g while also disallowing any citizen or group to litigate 5G towers based on health effects. These laws mean I have no recourse and no rights to my health. When 5G rolls out I will be effectively ejected from my own country and will be forced to leave.