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Occupation: I'm an integrative health and wellness coach on the north side of Indianapolis. I work with a number of clients who have health-related issues stemming from sensitivities or allergies related to foods, chemicals or energy fields (e.g., EMF or radiofrequency radiation). While there are those who believe all these claims are nothing more than conspiracy theories; my research and experience with clients leads me to believe otherwise.

Concerns about the future: I've learned that in markets such as Europe, there are over 1,370 chemicals banned from use, while in the U.S. there are only 11. As a result, we continue to be exposed to chemicals (i.e., 1,4 dioxane) that have been known by the FDA to be carcinogens since 1982 — yet no law allows the FDA to demand change.

Now, we are about to embark on another wide-scale rollout of a technology that is **untested** for safety before it is being forced upon consumers — smart meters that emit radiofrequency radiation. **Please preserve consumer choice in allowing for an opt-out of these technologies.** Not everyone responds the same to these types of exposures and they should not be forced upon us.

The state of California and even Harvard-trained medical doctors have raised this concern and advocated for consumer protections. If you would like more information to better understand it, please let me know.

I live in an older home that still has an analog meter. Our meter is in our front yard and is easily accessible to any meter reader without barriers or restrictions. This meter is literally just outside our master bedroom windows. It is also located just under one of my son's bedrooms. I have grave concerns about the impact of this type of exposure on the health of our family.

We haven't used a microwave oven in our home for years. We don't spray our lawn with chemicals. We don't have cable television at our home. We use non-toxic household cleaning products. We even grow an organic garden in our backyard. In essence, we invest in our health and wellbeing.

Avoiding this type of daily exposure to harmful radiofrequency radiation is of critical importance to our family. Even though it might not have shown immediate health impacts to everyone, it is not safe for everyone ... nor do we understand the long-term consequences of its usage. Families need to be given **choice** — and that's what I'm asking you to preserve.

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