

Dear House Energy Chair James and Committee Members,
Hope you are having a restful weekend.

When I testified this session in your committee on H.527, I mentioned the Federal court order in 2021 that ordered the FCC to reassess exposure limits of Radiofrequency radiation due to the amount of scientific evidence showing harm for humans, especially children, and the environment. This is one of the reasons there have been more contested cases for telecom at the PUC and why families do not want these towers 300 feet from their homes.

This has been ignored by the FCC. Now a petition has been filed to order the FCC to comply with the 2021 mandate. Below are some further details including the legal petition and a legal addendum containing scientific evidence showing harm to biological life.

For the sake of Vermonters, I hope that we can figure this out and properly site towers and infrastructure in order to ensure coverage and public safety.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like more info.
Very gratefully
Alison

"It's official, a Petition has been filed for a Writ of Mandamus asking a federal court to order the FCC to revisit the Commission's thirty-year-old exposure limits for Radiofrequency (RF) radiation. In 2021, after the FCC ignored a mountain of evidence that the exposure limits are too high to adequately protect health, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia ordered the FCC to address a number of crucial issues, including the effects of RF radiation on children and the environment, and the health implications of long-term and ever-increasing exposure to RF radiation.

"However, since 2021, instead of complying with the Court's mandate and working to ensure safety, FCC has sought to further accelerate the build out of wireless infrastructure under the outdated exposure limits. Meanwhile, wireless facilities and devices are proliferating at lighting speed; the harms from RF radiation to human beings and the natural environment continue unabated, and the undeniable scientific evidence that current limits are inadequate to protect health continues to accrue. Along with co-Petitioners Environmental Health Trust and others, CHD today told the Court that in the face of all this, the time has come for the FCC to comply with the 2021 mandate."

The court clerk has confirmed that the filing has been received and a case number will be assigned today. However, it may a few days for the filing to appear on the docket.