

I would like to protect Vermont's smart meter opt out law. I am contacting you as you are on the House energy committee. This is vital to protect the health of Vermonters and our environment. We have an amazing smart meter opt-out/no charge/no questions law and it's at risk. Due to an opt out water meter bill, S.213, that came out of the Senate and is now in the House Energy Committee, the electric utilities are asking to charge for the opt out. Please beware of findings that smart meters cause no health harms, as powerful interests are often able to fund (thru shell corporations) scientific tests that "prove" whatever they wish. Those who financially struggle will have trouble opting out with the charge in place. One should not have to be wealthy to be able to afford to say NO to a technology device on one's home emitting radiation and placing private data from your home and your electricity at risk. There are known harms and risks with this radiation exposure and it should not be forced on people. No one should be forced to pay if they reject this tech due to these health risks and cybersecurity issues. Not having to pay to say NO to this tech is the only equitable path. Thank you, Alexandra Green, Burlington, VT.