

Good morning,

Currently there seems to be committee consensus that Vermonters will be able to opt out of smart meters. but the electric utilities just testified and said they want to charge. These charges for opting out are inequitable and inappropriate, and I'm emailing you today to ask that you please continue to support Vermonters in opting out of smart meters for their homes and disallowing utility companies from charging Vermonters for exercising their rights.

We all know this is an equity issue - if someone is opting out for legitimate health concerns, they will need to pay, which is disastrous. Those who financially struggle will have trouble opting out with the charge in place. You should not have to be wealthy to be able to afford to say NO to a technology device on your home emitting RF radiation and placing private data from your home and your electricity at risk.

There are known harms and risks with this RF 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.

Please take action. The opt out is critical and not having to pay to say NO to this tech is the only equitable path

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