

Dear legislators, I'm writing to strongly urge you to support the smart meter opt-out for Vermonters and WITHOUT a charge for opting out. This is an equity issue, a privacy issue and a health issue. There are known negative health impacts from the RF radiation emitted by this technology. It is now well known that there are significant and serious health impacts from wireless radiation from cell phones, which technically can be turned off; computer routers that can be turned off -- however, a "smart" meter is on 24/7, which means people are exposed to RF radiation without any ability to mitigate the constant negative health impacts.

Vermonters should not have to be wealthy to be able to afford to say NO to a technology device on our homes which emit RF radiation, which also places private data from our homes and electricity usage at risk. There are known harms and risks with this RF radiation and it should not be forced on people. No one should be forced to pay if they reject this technology due to health risks and cybersecurity issues.

Vermont is speeding toward becoming entirely unaffordable, with exceedingly high tax burdens and other regulatory burdens. I urge you not to add yet another inequitable financial burden onto Vermonters struggling to remain in our homes.

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