

Dear Rep. Michalka,

Thank you for your service as a member of the House Energy Committee.

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.

The bill is currently being amended but here is the link to the bill as it came out of the Senate. <https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2026/Docs/BILLS/S-0213/S-0213%20As%20passed%20by%20the%20Senate%20Official.pdf>

Currently there seems to be committee consensus that they will keep the opt out for Vermonters but the electric utilities just testified and said they want to charge.

Committee members think this is reasonable and are now also discussing regardless of fact findings that smart meters cause health harms and it is everyone's inherent right to not want that radiation meter wired into their homes. People should not be penalized for how they want to set up their homes and decide to not attach a smart meter but keep the analog meter they have had for years with no negative health effects. **It is hard enough to afford to live in VT but to ask people to pay to keep your hands off their houses is extremely unconstitutional**

We all know this is an equity issue - if someone is opting out for legitimate health concerns, they will need to pay. 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.

The opt out of a smart meter without financial penalization is critical and not having to pay to say NO to this tech is the only equitable path.

As a representative to the people for the people, your duty is to speak up for what your constituents want. If they want a smart meter, then let them have it. If they don't, by all means, they should have that right as well. This is creating a question of who has the power here; the energy corporations who potentially are monetizing this decision with unlawful financial incentives, or the taxpayers of Vermont who pay your salary?

Kindly respond to this so I know you got this message.

Yours in gratitude and truth,

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