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IN FOCUS:

Telecom shills still accusing advocates of creating a "5G Panic"

Ignoring international science, telecom insiders are still scolding RFK, the Secretary of Health and Human Services and Safe Tech advocates for circulating "fringe fears." "Yet in the viral age of 5G, claims once confined to conspiracy circles are now being amplified by the nation's top health official," wrote **Jeffrey Westling,** a scholar with ***International Center for Law & Economics (ICLE)*** **in an editorial for *Broadband Breakfast*** early this year echoing **pre-5G telecom statements.** The editorial was countered by lobbyist Charles Frohman in *Broadband Breakfast* and by environmental journalist **Theodora**

Scarato on the Jimmy Dore Show and *Inside Towers*. Not long ago Twitter, now X, had banned critiques of 5G. **Wired Magazine UK** wrote in 2018 that 5G fears were merely a political disinformation campaign.

> **"Calling something a 'moral panic' does not imply that this something does not exist or [did not happen] at all..."**
>
> *~Stanley Cohen, writer of Folk Devils and Moral Panics*

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Victories

CA On March 3, Rep. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez introduced **H.R.7772 – LIGHT Safety Act** to limit vehicle headlamp brightness to the Energy &

Science

A startling statistic was published by CHD's Defender on March 12. A peer-reviewed survey by Next Research found that **one in eight U.S. adults, reported EMR Syndrome symptoms.** Of

Advocacy

OR A new website by the EMR-**Syndrome Alliance**, was activated this month to support sufferers medically, legally & politically. Here is a great interview from **Green**

Commerce Committee and Transportation & Infrastructure Committee. More sponsors needed.

Winning the opinion war.

Out of almost 6000 comments against FCC rule 25-276.\, some 95% of commenters were against more wireless infrastructure.

this 12.5%, most are men and 10% have a medical diagnosis. Australia & Canada were also surveyed.

Street with Alliance founder Ruth Moss, on the purpose of the site. Moss told NC4ST she is exploring how to make the site multilingual.



(C-Span videi of the govt. hearings)

Did the Telecommunications Act of 1996 work out? Depends who you ask.

In a hastily announced series of hearings on the Legacy of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, the **House Committee on Energy & Commerce,** discussed whether the Act is still working to close the connectivity divide. With concerns splitting along party lines: censorship vs infrastructure. Health issues were ignored. Lawmakers were angry about the BEAD slowdown and wanted fiber online and underwater for AI. Reps. crowed about slower tower permits, which, as activists know, is misleading.

Nothing was addressed about EMF. "It was very clear how uninformed the FCC was" said Vanessa Shinmoto of Children's Health Defense, a member of the NC4ST coalition. NC4ST submitted comments regarding the meeting.



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Verizon Pays $7.7 Million in damages to LA County

Court ordered Verizon to pay $7.7 million in investigation fees, damages and other costs for environmental violations at hundreds of wireless cell tower locations. Although no mention of electromagnetic radiation was made, the sites were sued for bad storage of batteries and other controlled toxic substances at the sites. The suit was brought jointly by several local attorneys' offices working together. Pointing to an achilles heel, Los Angeles County District Attorney Nathan J. Hochman reminded Telecoms that they're not invincible. “This settlement underscores that even the largest corporations must follow California’s environmental laws, and when they don’t, they will be held accountable.”

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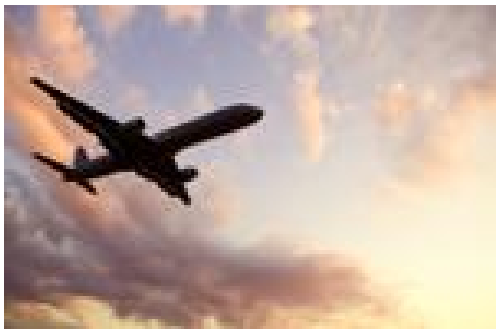

Flying the Unfriendly Skies: Coming Soon Electric Airplanes

If electric vehicles weren't enough, this summer LA will be hosting the **Electric Aircraft 2026** conference on June 10th of this year. If you didn't know electric airplanes were a thing, please see this jubilant list of airplane models from **EV Magazine**. Although there will be a presentation on safety standards, it is unclear if EMF safety standards will be discussed. Airplanes are already notorious for amplifying microwave radiation, according to experts (including Camilla Rees and **Lloyd Burrell**), because airplanes are metallic structures. "It's called the Faraday cage effect," writes Burrell. "Would you consider sticking your head in a microwave oven when it's turned on? I don't think so."



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Fiberhoods vs Towerhoods: The New Digital Divide

It's common these days to hear **renters** complain that their landlords cannot or will not get fiber. "Now I'm starting to think fiber may never come to my neighborhood because the people are poorer here," said one user on Reddit. In a 2012 article, **Ars Technica** forecasted a fiber divide expected to affect low usage communities. **"They are using the digital divide against us," said a Harlem,**

NYC resident, as she protested a tower going up next to her building, calling out the redlining of historically low income areas for cell towers vs fiber. "Don't repeat history."

Wearables: To Regulate or Not to Regulate, that is the question



(Screengrab of Peter Cowan's Substack)

In January of this year the Food and Drug Administration **updated guidance documents** for wearable manufacturers. The documents categorized non-invasive devices as subject to less regulation than medical devices which pierce the skin or are used inside the organs. Fitbits or other lifestyle devices will not be regulated, nor will software or devices without a clearly medical purpose, but anything analyzing a pattern will be listed as regulated. As the industry works out its strategy, the invasive nature of Wi-Fi was not on anyone's radar. AI aided wearables are expected to include toilets. See below.

Explore Topic

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, COURTS & THE LAW

CA Preventively, the **Nevada County Commission** strengthened the rules in the county regarding telecom structures to add further guidelines for the building of cell towers. The county proposed to increase buffer zones between the towers and citizens, including notification requirements. The county also requests citizen input.

FL St. Pete Beach's new ordinance to limit cell towers was met with mixed reviews this March. The original draft mandated 40ft perimeter from housing, but what citizens got was different, said Lauren Mones of Florida Coalition for Safe Technology. City staff say they don't have the power to mandate according to state law. Children's Health Defense and Scott McCullough are on the case.

LA Citizens of **Washington Parish** complained about the height of a cell tower planned near a group of homes on Austin Varnado Rd. during a March planning and zoning meeting. Their health concerns were dismissed as per federal law. The residents moved on to the tornado threat posed by the structure. A law enforcement officer living there dismissed the need for a tower on the grounds of coverage gap. "We moved to get away from large structures," he said. "Would you want to see such a structure outside your home?"

MI The citizens of **Ludington** were doubly suspicious of telecom infrastructure plans this past March. At a county commission meeting they questioned Vertical Bridge's plans for a cellphone tower on their airport grounds. The tower, which was moved away from the original site, was again questioned by commissioners because the landowner of the new property was not consulted. The main issue cited by neighbors in the original vicinity was the direction of collapse in case of a disaster. The objection was sustained, despite the fact that towers are built to collapse in place.

FEDERAL BILLS

Are moving quickly, threatening to take away local control!

Join our Federal Bills Call Thursdays 2-3 pm ET.

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or **Enter your zip code**

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ASK ✓
For your Elected Official, then Ask for the Telecom Staffer
if n/a then the scheduler.

Purpose of call:
Your name...
"I am a constituent and would like to discuss wireless bills & bridging the digital divide."

COORDINATE WITH ✓
Odette Wilkens, Chair of the National Call *and* **Charles Frohman, The National Health Federation**
They will present federal bills

INVITE ✓
Other Constituents, Local Officials, City Council Members, Mayor

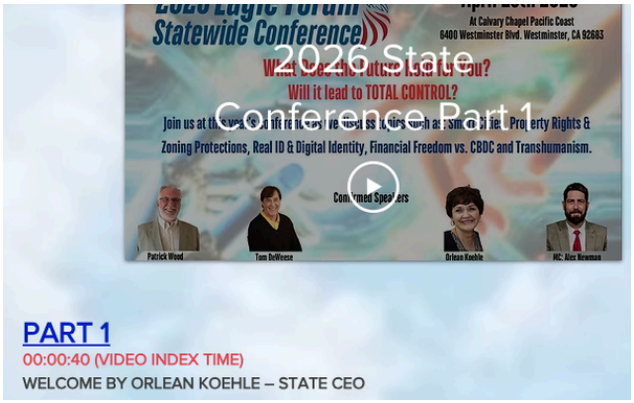
CONNECT WITH✓
Folks in your adjoining state districts, and neighboring states to contact their electeds

FOLLOW-UP ✓
Charles will do an email follow up with the staffer with target points from the meeting. REPLY ALL on the same email chain with YOUR issues and/or injuries, cell towers proposed or constructed and how they adversely affect your life.
Concise works best!

THE GOAL ✓
Build a relationship as a resource for Staffers and Electeds

ADVOCACY & EDUCATION
Fighting Eagles on 15 Minute Cities

A California political organization founded by Phyllis Schafly is leading the way in educating people about the role of Wi-Fi, IoT and Smart Cities. Their leader, author and activist Orlean Koehle, has been been fighting smart meters. They are encouraging Californians to watch their **webinars**.



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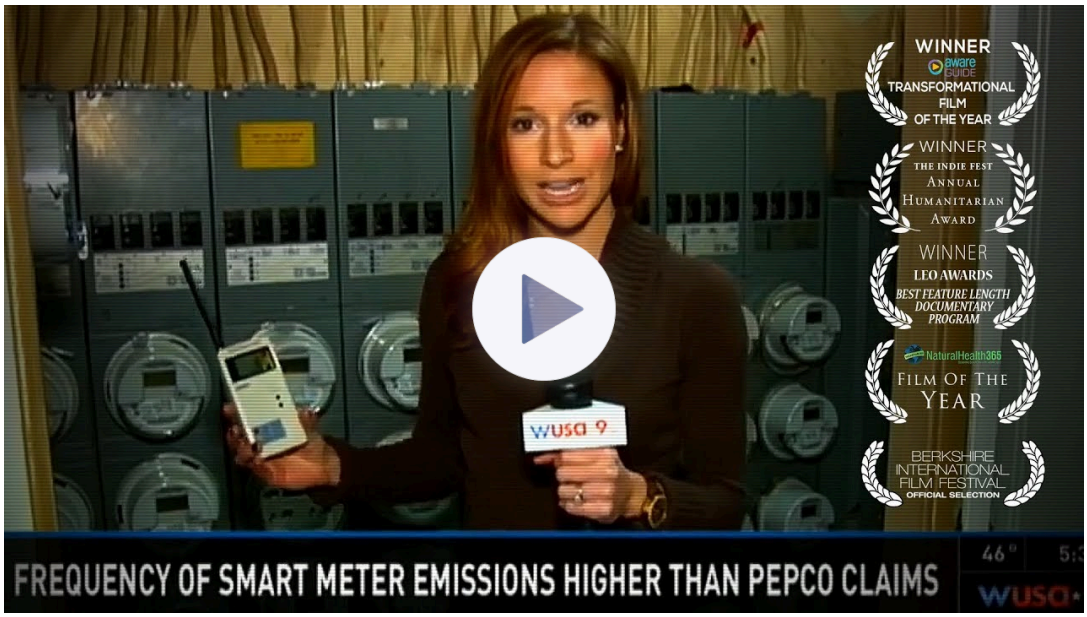
Now Playing ... Safe Tech

Safe Tech Longmont in Colorado premiered the film Take Back Your Power, an investigation of the Smart grid as part of their public education series. The March documentary by smart meter activist **Josh Del Sol** was shown by rsvp only due to limited seating.



(Link to Take Back Your Power film, 1hr 23 min duration)

In Depth on HR 2289!

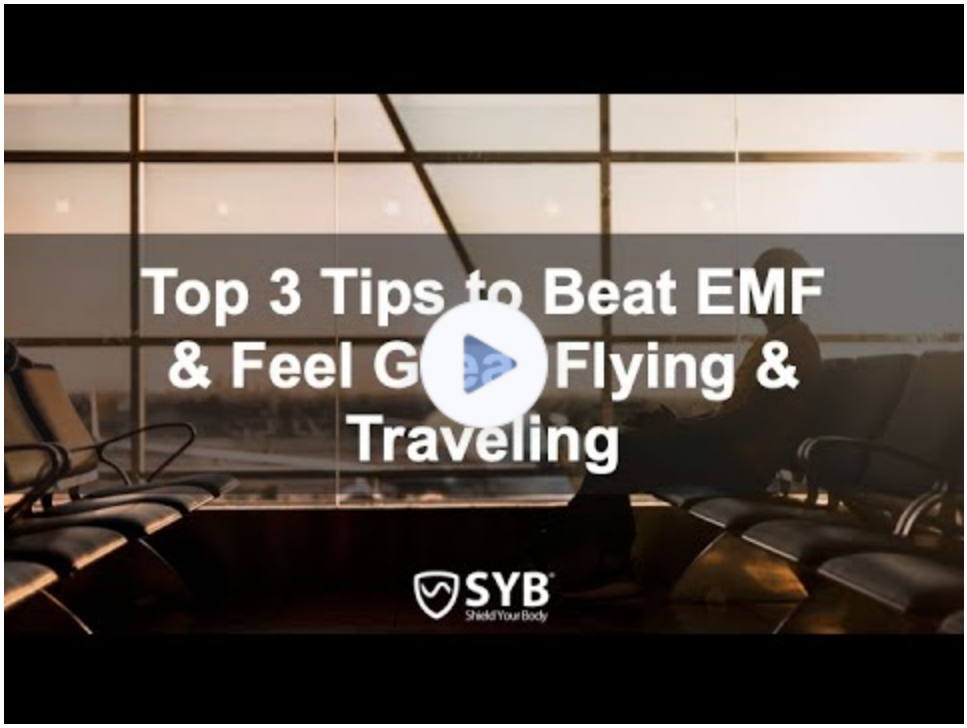
Do you understand what's at stake on HR 2289? What's been the policy climate in Washington, DC, since the first deployment

of cell towers? Doug Wood, one of the original advocates for Safe Tech gives a slow and in depth look at what's at stake on HR 2289. NC4ST believes 2289 will fail. There are not enough legislators in favor.



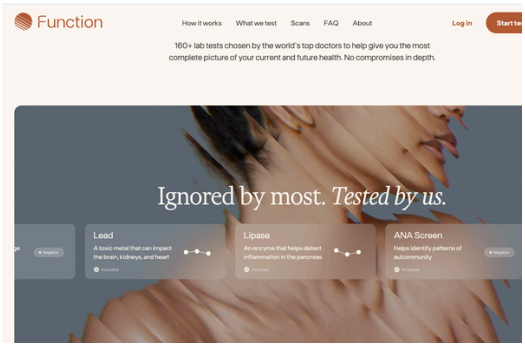
ACCOMMODATION NEWS & HEALING RESOURCES

Tips for Beating EMR Syndrome While Traveling



Fear of Flying? This basic intro by Shield Your Body for a larger course gives you the main steps for beating EMF during travel. Airplanes are the most **EMF intensive environments** because of the **Faraday effect**. Some helpful ideas include planning your seating, refusing body **scans at airports**, protective clothing and hydration. Here is a list of airlines by in flight **Wi-Fi service**.

Need an EMR-syndrome diagnosis?



(Screenshot of Function website)

Do you need a diagnosis? A $365 health testing service by Function, (an initiative started by the American Association of Integrative medicine) lists EMF first as a type of environmental toxicity along with a variety of other environmental situations.

Is it EMR Syndrome or Havana Syndrome?

Members of the National Call for Safe Technology discussed in our biweekly meeting the double threat facing the population. Ken Stroud, president of People Against Covert Torture and Surveillance, which advocates for neural rights, reported that civilians are increasingly reporting electromagnetic harassment either from remote antennae or from their own routers. He recommended that, besides hard-wiring their devices, individuals should be attentive to symptoms, including nausea, headaches, and palpitations, in the vicinity of particular antennae arrays, unidentified vehicles or even their own unshielded routers. Stroud also wished the public to know that directed energy weapons can cause harm solely by external means without the need for heavy metals in the body.



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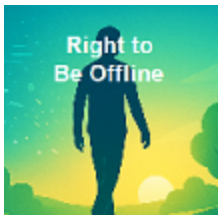
INTERNATIONAL NEWS & ADVOCACY

Rage Against The Machine

European activists organized a march *on February 28th, **entitled Pull The Plug in the city of London to demand more regulation over AI**. At their core, activists were concerned about Palantir as an example of AI gone wild, disappearing human jobs, eroding intellectual property and digital privacy. They were also concerned about the ecological impact of EMR Syndrome and data centers. They described themselves not as luddites but asked for one thing: "a* **pause long enough for people to decide together what we are building."**





Right to be Analog: Disconnection as a Human Right

Ecologists in Action, a Spain-based environmentalist group published a manifesto asking the European Union for the constitutional right to privacy and to use old fashioned means of communication, like books and paper: **The Right to Disconnect**.

Little by little, we're becoming "data fodder," tracked like goods or animals. Every pretext – security, pandemics, terrorism, child abuse – is used to justify our ever increasing digital surveillance and control and by installing cameras everywhere. The growing centralization of our most personal data in digital databases is a cause for concern. The biometric passport and the Digital Identity Wallet pave the way for new forms of totalitarianism. Is the digital web not becoming our prison? Moreover, any interconnected, centralized, and mandatory system is not only a threat to freedom, it is also vulnerable at a time when cyberattacks are on a rise.

BILLS TO WATCH!

FEDERAL BILLS FROM THE LAST CONGRESS...

ARE BEING RE-INTRODUCED THIS CONGRESS, AS WELL AS NEW BILLS

HR 8255 By Guthrie (KY) and **S. 3639** by Cruz (TX) and Welch (VT) are satellite bills that will irradiate widely. -New

S. 140 By Barasso (WY), Pilot program to prevent forest fires using 5G nomadic and mesh technology, despite the fire risk posed by cell towers... has been amended.

S. 323 By Wicker (MS) Affects amateur radios.

HR 339 Introduced by Rep. Crenshaw (TX), to add wireless antennas on any structure (includes buildings, schools, cell towers) without consent.

HR 278 expands cell towers to "improve" service, without consent.

HR 279 Introduced by Rep. Griffith (VA), expands federal preemption over local government without consent by adding antennas to "improve" service.

HR 459 Introduced by Rep. Westerman (AR) Pilot program to use 5G to supposedly detect wildfires, even though cell towers have caused wildfires.

HR 471 Introduced by Rep. Westerman (AR) Pilot program to use 5G to supposedly detect wildfires, though cell towers cause wildfires. PASSED

HR 507 By Thune (SD). Requires USDA, in consultation with NIST+FCC, to create precision ag standards.

HR 651 Introduced by Rick Allen (GA), authorizing more wireless spectrum which will accelerate cell tower rollout.

HR 1020 Introduced by Moolenar (MI). Provides $400 tax credit to taxpayers in underserved areas to purchase an OTARD or similar device

HR 1094 Introduced by August Pfluger (TX), pre-empts local zoning authority for amateur radio towers (similar to 3557)

HR1455 By Buddy Carter (GA) Taxpayer wireless industry subsidies. PASSED

HR 1353 Requires FCC to make spectrum available to any "unserved area" which does not have emergency alerts or e911. Considers lack of service and emergency with no stopping condition.

HR 1541 Introduced by Michael Rulli (OH). Colocation of more wireless antennas exempt from environmental review.

HR 1588 Introduced by Miller-Meeks Marianette(IA). Require DoC report on barriers to online forms for deployment on federal property.

HR 1617 Streamline or override local requests for modification of telecom infrastructure.

HR 1618 By Robert Latta, adds "precision ag" which will harm crops, livestock and microbiome. PASSED

HR 1655 Eliminate environmental review in repairing telecom infrastructure following disasters or emergency.

HR 1681 Introduced by Evans**.**Establish strike force to expedite communications facilities on federal land and in national forests.

HR 1709 By Landsman (OH). A cybersecurity study explicitly excludes 5G, the most insecure wireless network. PASSED

HR 1781 By Gary Palmer (AL). Standardize fees for wireless applications on government lands and buildings and prohibit federal agencies from recovering all costs of wireless facilities.

HR 1836 Accelerate deem granted applications under 6409.

HR 1838 Introduced by Stacey Plaskett (Virgin Islands), amends 7 USC 950bb to promote precision agriculture and allow grants to be made prior to environmental and historic reviews.

HR1870 Encourages digital relining; reallocates BEAD money to wireless.

HR 1873 By Kelly (PA). Makes federal broadband grants non-taxable. NEW

HR 1975 Introduced by Rick Allen (GA), says municipalities must comply with fees requirements to be eligible for BEAD grants.

HR 1985 Introduced by Donald Davis (NC). Requires USDA, in consultation with NIST+FCC, to create precision ag. standards.

HR 2289 By Buddy Carter 1455 Codifies the NTIA's Institute for Telecommunications Sciences into statute to promote transferring federal spectrum to commercial users; allows industry payments to government staff.

HR 2449 By Doris Matsui 1455 CEstablish 6G taskforce at the FCC.

HR 2552 / S 1197– Community Broad Band Act introduced by Sen. Mike Lee – removing barriers to broadband deployment, key pt: local leaders to protect local input – do not short circuit local input into this effort.

HR 2750 By David Taylor, amends ILJA for low-income people to qualify for vouchers for wireless, but no provision for vouchers for wired service.

HR 2767 Studying glioblastoma and developing drugs for it. States that in 2024, 1 mil Americans had brain tumors. (Good talking point is the connection to wireless)

HR 2817 BY Lizzie Fletcher (TX). NTIA grant program for local review of telecom applications.

HR 2289 By Feenstra (ID). Exempt from NEPA/ any communications facility (including wireless) in a right-of-way on federal land.

HR 2975 NTIA grant program for local review of telecom applications.

HR 3699 Nicholas Lagworthy (NY), introduced the Energy Choice Act.

HR 4821 By Thune (SD). Requires federal agencies to "take actions" to accelerate processing communications applications, including wireless (Sec 2); lowers the size threshold from $200m to $5m for broadband projects (including wireless projects) to benefit from FAST Act protections that help streamline deploymen.

HR 8082 (last year) By Chris Smith (NJ) is coming back with NHF languare restoring control back. We need co-sponsors!!!.

S. 1568 Liberating Incandescent Technology (LIT) Act of 2025 (). Support the bill. Requested amendment to require certification of all types of light bulbs for UL and low EMF.

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COMMONLY USED ABBREVIATIONS

EHT Environmental Health Trust
EPA Environmental Protection Agency

EMR Electromagnetic Radiation
EMR-S Electromagnetic Radiation Syndrome
EMF Electromagnetic Frequency
FCC Federal Communications Commission
FDA US Food and Drug Administration
HERTZ (Hz) Named after German physicist Heinrich Hertz (1857-1894). SI derived unit used to measure the frequency of vibrations and waves, such as sound waves and electromagnetic waves; one hertz is equal to one cycle per second
MEGAHERTZ (MHz) 10^6
One million cycles per second
KILOHERTZ (KHz) 10^3
One thousand cycles per second
THERAHERTZ (THz) 10^{12}
One trillion cycles per second
IARC International Agency for Research on Cancer
ICNIRP International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection
ICBE-EMF International Commission on the Biological Effects of Electromagnetic Fields
IEEE Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
NC4ST The National Call For Safe Technology
NEPA National Environmental Policy Act
NIH National Institutes of Health
NTIA The National Telecommunications and Information Administration
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