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Rt.Hon. Edward Davey. MP
Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change
Department of Energy & Climate Change
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Re: Wireless Smart Meters.

Dear Secretary of State,

I write on behalf of SSITA and the organisations who have endorsed this letter. Many of these organisations have already conducted well – orchestrated campaigns on the issue of health concerns about wireless smart meters, and you will find links to a smart meter petition on many of our respective websites.

We join together here to ask the Government one question:

Who is taking responsibility for any adverse health effects from the wireless smart meters?

We write this as an open letter and wish to make you aware that this letter and your reply will be treated as such, and may therefore appear on our websites.

Different organisations within SSITA have their different emphases, but all are concerned with health effects from electromagnetic radiation. SSITA itself is primarily concerned with the issue of Wi-Fi and wireless technologies in schools and other settings in which children are cared for and educated.

We concern ourselves with issues relating to the proliferation of wireless technologies and its effect in increasing the electromagnetic overload within these settings, on both children and adults.

Some of these settings I would describe as “corner shop nurseries” and many children are cared for by day- carers in terraced housing where there may well be radiation emanating from adjacent properties. This will not give children a good start in life and the Government should be mindful of this. (This takes no account of the home environment).

We would ask you to bear in mind that the Council of Europe has asked all Member States to take measures to decrease, not increase, this electromagnetic overload within the entire environment, be it work school, home, or out and about.

We draw your attention to the fact that ICNIRP guidelines allow for special categories of people (for example those more vulnerable such as young children, the elderly, and presumably also those with electrosensitivity), to be given special consideration, and therefore we take issue with the fact that these people, or those caring for them, will be discriminated against by having to pay higher consumer charges. This puts such people as child-minders and nursery care providers at a distinct financial disadvantage, simply in some cases by their attempt to exercise their social responsibility. Many of these businesses are struggling anyway, and now they are to be penalised if they choose a precautionary/ non- discriminatory option with regard to the children and people being cared for or working in those premises.

Indeed, the Government may wish to recognise its moral obligation in taking the onus of responsibility by providing clear guidelines with regard to the best options for such premises.

I particularly refer you to the report by Dr. Isaac Jamieson available on this link, and we wish to state that we support the proposition for a fibre optic alternative, as made in this document, "Smart Meters, Smarter Practices, Solving Emerging Problems."

We formally submit a request here that non-wireless, wired, options be available for both the WAN (Wide Area Network) and the HAN (Home Area Network). Wired options could include VLC (light-based) if that technology develops sufficiently quickly in the time space available, to be practically viable.

Many of our organisations and individuals within them have written to various energy suppliers, and both they and the suppliers are aware of legal cases on this pending in Holland, and of the huge concerns that are ongoing in the United States and Canada. We attach here a list of the organisations who endorse this letter.

Yours Sincerely,

Diana Hanson

On behalf of SSITA (Safe Schools Information Technology Alliance)

List of organisations within SSITA endorsing this letter:

Wi-Fi in Schools -

The science behind the health concerns over wireless technologies in schools. Information about a precautionary approach and the concerns of scientists.

Wired Child - Protecting Our Children from Wireless Technology.

Powerwatch is an independent organisation with a central role in the UK Electromagnetic Field and Microwave Radiation health debate.

The CAVI Society seeks to safeguard children from the effects of electro-magnetic radiation in the environments in which they spend the greatest amount of in.

The Radiation Research Trust is an independent body that provides the facts.

ES - UK

Radical New Scientific Books by the Creator of Starweave - Radical New Scientific Concepts. "All truth passes through three stages"

Mast Victims - Mobile phone masts , cell phone towers, wifi, cell phones, mobile phones and wireless are making people sick worldwide.

Team Around the Child (TAC) by Interconnections - founded by Peter Limbrick in 1995.

Mobilewise - How safe are mobile phones for kids? Facts about radiation from mobiles and staying safe.

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Bio Electromagnetic Research Initiative - The Bio-Electromagnetic Research Initiative (BEMRI) has been formed to create a research portal, for the scientific community and interested members of the public.

Microwaves - Natural Science - Warnings from The World Foundation for Natural