

FCC overreach – USA – action required

To Fellow EMF Activists,

We are deeply appreciative of all the hard work, time, and even personal resources, that others are investing in the effort to stop or curtail the deployment of microwave emitting cell antennas outside of homes. To complement the work others are doing, we are raising funds and hiring a DC lobbyist to better guide us through the dark and somewhat convoluted corridors of Congress.

What we're up against:

As written, S 3157 would allow Telecom companies to place a dense network of high-intensity 4G and 5G microwave radiating cellular antennas in front of homes, across America. S 3157 and the [premature implementation](#) of S 3157 by the FCC, would severely reduce local revenues, shorten review times for applications and curtail local control over siting of cell towers.

S 3157 has bi-partisan support and currently faces little opposition. It could slip through the Senate via unanimous consent, appear in the House briefly and get attached to a spending bill – without any debate or roll-call votes specific to S 3157. This would wipe out nearly all the protective ordinances already passed by forward-looking [cities](#).

On September 26, 2018, the FCC is scheduled to vote through its Wireless Infrastructure Order ([dockets 17-79 and 17-84](#)). This order attempts to preempt local control of the public rights-of-way. Wireless companies could then more easily install – in front homes – cell towers that would irradiate those nearby with intense, pulsed, data-modulated, Radio-frequency Electromagnetic Microwave Radiation (RF-EMR) – 24/7. See [post](#) | [photo](#) | [video](#).

On a slightly more positive note:

The National League of Cities expressed to us in a recent call (set up by our lobbyist) that there is strong opposition to WT Dockets 17-79 and 17-84. The U.S.

Conference of Mayors also [strongly opposes](#) these proposals and calls on the Commission to change them, stating that “absent such changes, the Conference and its members will seek relief in federal court to overturn this unprecedented overreach by the FCC.” The FCC regulations will become finalized 30 days after being printed in the Federal Register and then will likely land in court.

To preserve the local protections that activists have already [achieved in CA](#) and elsewhere, we have launched Our Town, Our Choice, a Neighborhood Broadband Survival Guide at <http://ourtownourchoice.org> which has a link to [DonorBox](#). We hope to raise \$30,000 to pay the lobbyist we have already chosen (\$5,000 monthly for six months). We would be most appreciative if you would share the following links far and wide, and if possible, make a donation as well.

- <http://ourtownourchoice.org> or <https://bit.ly/2QzeNkD>
- <https://donorbox.org/fund-washington-dc-lobbyist> or <https://bit.ly/2Qy0f2T>
- We also encourage using some of the following hashtags if sharing on Social Media: : #OurTownOurChoice, #Broadband, #Fiber, #FTTH, #FTTP, #Stop5G, #5G, #4G, #DigitalDivide

Our Washington, DC Lobbyist's stated goals:

1. To defeat or significantly amend S 3157 – The STREAMLINE Small Cell Deployment Act and similar Federal legislation from October 2018 through March 2019.
2. To ensure that S 3157 does not follow the same legislative path as S 19, The MOBILE NOW Act. At the last minute, [S 19](#) and nine other Telecom-friendly bills were tacked onto [HR 1625](#), The Consolidated Appropriations Act, which was a huge collection of

unrelated bills voted through without sufficient time for consideration. (See details [here](#)).

- 3. To assemble and coordinate a coalition of stakeholders that oppose S 3157 and to use that coalition as an effective advocacy force against S 3157 and similar Federal legislation.*
- 4. To establish, maintain and nurture a network of public policy contacts with relevant stakeholders, legislators and regulators to position Broadband – Our Town, Our Choice as a thought and policy leader with respect to siting of personal wireless service facilities.*

*Many thanks,
Kate*

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