



The Honorable Bill Dodd
Member, CA State Senate
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RE: SB 717 Oppose unless amend

Senator Dodd,

Californians for Safe Technology is a statewide coalition of local groups and individuals who support SAFE technology. We have reviewed your newly amended version of SB 717. We are pleased that you have included wireless service and infrastructure providers and their trade associations, cable communications providers and their trade associations, and wireline communications providers and their trade associations.

We request that you consider adding the following amendments to the text of the bill currently filed because we believe that members of the public are “relevant stakeholders” and public comment must be part of any transparent public process.

65040.13.

(a) On or before January 1, 2024, the office, with input from relevant state agencies, **including the EPA, OEHAA, the PUC and relevant stakeholders, and the general public after a properly noticed 60-day comment period requesting public comment**, shall conduct, complete, and submit a report to the Senate Committee on Energy, Utilities and Communications, **Senate Committee on Environmental Quality** and the Assembly Committee on Communications and Conveyance and the **Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials and the Assembly Committee on Local Government**, that reviews and identifies the following:

(c) At a minimum, the review shall consider whether, and if so, the extent to which the following factors serve as barriers to investment or deployment of broadband access points and shall make recommendations on how to overcome these barriers:

...(9) Air quality management regulations that result in duplication or delay or otherwise block investment in, and deployment of, broadband access points.



11) Concerns about the safety of public health considering the growing scientific evidence which indicates that non-ionizing wireless radiation has biological effects.

(2) “Relevant stakeholders” means representatives of each of the following: **CA EPA representative, OEHHA representative**, law enforcement agencies, public safety community, public first responder personnel and providers, wireless service and infrastructure providers and their trade associations, cable communications providers and their trade association, wireline communications providers and their trade association, tribes, municipal government or city associations, county governments or county associations, investor-owned utilities, publicly owned utilities, organized labor, California manufacturing associations, ~~and~~ technology associations, industry, **Independent scientific and medical experts in the field of non-ionizing radiation including effects on children and flora and fauna as outlined by the recent [United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit lawsuit, EHT et al vs. FCC¹](#) and concerned members of the public who express comments during a public comment period.**

Our hope is that the “stakeholder group” will balance science and commerce.

We hope you will consider these amendments.

Please contact me if you have questions.

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¹ [EHT Wins in Historic Decision, Federal Court Orders FCC to Explain Why It Ignored Scientific Evidence Showing Harm from Wireless Radiation - Environmental Health Trust \(ehtrust.org\)](#)