

Stacey Smith

Ithaca

Please enact a one month rent forgiveness policy for April 2020. If needed, enact a second month rent forgiveness policy for May 2020. As CCs it is important to protect and preserve the overall safety, stability and health of our community. Ithaca is about 70% renters. Many who can not afford full rent for April or perhaps May.

Homeowners and commercial owners already have safety and protection via up to 3 months mortgage relief, with no fees or credit score impact. Renters do not have that safety and security.

We all hope that NYS enacts a rent forgiveness program. However, we do not know. People need this relief and security now.

NPR did a good report on this national rent issue yesterday, March 31st. The report stressed the last thing we need is a couple months is large scale homelessness and social instability.

Please protect our community. I work hard and full time, but my hours have been cut way back. I can not afford my full rent.

Thank you.

Stacey Smith, MDiv

Seth Adams

Ithaca

Who is to determine whether a property owner/landlord has suffered "financial hardship?"

I would suggest that if we are moving on rent forgiveness (absolving lessees of rent obligation entirely during crisis vs deferral of rent) that ALL property owners/landlords who can prove that they received rent from their current rent roll for the 6-12 previous months would qualify to be made whole on 100% of rental losses during the COVID 19 mandated shutdown.

"RESOLVED, That the Common Council of the City of Ithaca urges our state and federal representatives to pair any suspension of rent due to COVID-19 hardship with emergency funding to assist landlords who are facing financial hardship due to nonpayment of rent."

Wayles Browne

City of Ithaca

Seeking to watch the Common Council meeting on Zoom, but can only find past meetings.

Wayles Browne, ewb2@cornell.edu

Seth Adams

Ithaca

"RESOLVED, That the Common Council of the City of Ithaca hereby urges our state representatives to support Senate bill S8125A and Assembly bill A10224A, which for a 90 day period would suspend the rent payments of residential tenants and small business commercial tenants who have suffered a loss of

income as a result of government-ordered COVID-19 restrictions, and suspend mortgage payments for the same period for property owners facing financial hardship as a result of non-payment of rent; and be it further”

This language is problematic as the term “suspend” does not articulate whether the rent is being deferred or forgiven. Further, how do tenants prove that they have had an income loss? What is the test?

Hector Chang
City of Ithaca

Hello Common Council members. This comment is about the Cayuga St bridge replacement. I am delighted to see that sidewalks will be expanded to 8 ft wide in both alternatives #2 and #3, which seem to be the alternatives preferred over #1. Reading through the memo provided by the Office of the City Engineer, it seems like there was an attempt to reduce cost by maintaining the existing bridge deck width and reducing the driving lane widths to 10' each. The state DOT seems to not have allowed this due to inability to share a lane of that width with bicycles, but I think it would be better to share a lane that's 10' wide instead of 13' due to the traffic calming effects on this stretch of road (which would be very desirable). Is there really no way to have driving lane widths reduced to 10 to 12 feet, thereby calming vehicle traffic a bit AND achieving cost savings from not having to extend the bridge deck by that much?

David Blatter
Ithaca

Please pass a rent freeze for the duration of the Covid-19 crisis. Many many people have no ability to make an income and there will be mad evictions and debt as soon as the eviction ban is lifted. This crisis is already hurting working class people far harder than anyone else, please do the right thing and use the power you have to protect them.

Lily Rothenberg
Ithaca, Ward 1

Please consider supporting a Rent Freeze in Ithaca. Landlords are able to pause their mortgage payments. Ithacans who can't afford mortgages and thus are renting deserve the same financial security. Many of my friends and I have faced cutbacks at work due to the coronavirus. So long as our landlords are not having to pay for our housing, tenants should not have to pay for it. Thank you for representing tenants today.

James Smith
Ithaca

On March 15th The Ithaca fire department did not respond to a five-year-old seizing one block away from the central fire station. This was because of a drastic reduction in the Ithaca fire department EMS

response is under a new policy implemented by the fire chief and the mayor. This was labeled Charlie and as of today the Ithaca Fire fire department is not responding to Charlie's. Relying on responding ambulances coming from farther away to make a huge difference when there is an airway problem. And such as can happen with seizing patient. And if you're someone that can't afford a car to drive yourself to the ER this policy may have more of an impact on you. I have notified the council of my concerns about this policy especially since other fire departments in the area have been able to maintain their responses by utilizing the CDC recommendations for PPE. At a time when The EMS system is under stress and other communities are looking to step up to the plate the mayor and Ithaca fire Chief have gone into a defensive crouch. I know they are concerned about fire responses but mutual aid is always an option and the fire burning through this country now with the coronavirus and we need to step up and address it and cutting back on EMS response when we are in the middle of a healthcare crisis . Why was this policy not presented to public. I wrote a detailed letter of my concerns to the mayor and city Council I hope they will release it to the public. The Ithaca firefighters are a wonderful asset to this community ,professional and caring ,Let them do their job in this time of crisis. I was a Lt at the Binghamton fire department for 30 years before moving to Ithaca and I'm still working as a paramedic. The support shown to EMS by the local businesses and citizens has been wonderful. The response from the city of Ithaca has been disheartening .

Nathan Lyman
City of Ithaca
Proposed resolution Senate Bill 8125A

April 1, 2020

To: Common Council and the Mayor of the City of Ithaca

Earlier today I became aware of the proposed resolution in support of Senate Bill 8125A and Assembly Bill A10224A to be considered at tonight's meeting.

Unfortunately I do not have time to write a lengthy critique to you about this poorly drafted and ill considered piece of legislation, however well intentioned, but will attempt to briefly illustrate why this resolution before your board tonight should not be adopted.

- 1) There is a distinct likelihood that as drafted, it is an unconstitutional taking that will invite litigation for years to come, and may expose the state to financial ruin in the name of political expediency. see *Lucas v. South Carolina Coastal Council*, 505 U.S. 1003 (1992)
- 2) For purposes of discussion, I will refer to the Senate copy of the legislation.

Section 1(a) provides in pertinent part that any residential tenant or small business commercial tenant in the state that has lost income or has been forced to close their place of business as a result of government ordered restrictions in response to the outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), shall have all rent payments suspended for ninety days following the effective date of this act. Such residential tenant or small business commercial tenant shall not and shall never be required to pay any rent waived during such time period. Every residential tenant or small business commercial

tenant whose lease expires during this time period shall be subject to an automatic renewal lease at the current rent charged.

a. "Residential tenant" is defined to include the tenant named in the lease plus, spouse, children and an occupant per 235-f RPL- who suffers a "loss of income". So if the parents are not harmed, but the child loses a paper route, they have a right to suspend payment. There is no threshold loss defined, meaning that any claimed loss, even one penny shall trigger a suspension of payments for 90 days and that "residential tenant" "shall never be required to pay any rent 'waived'". There is no distinction in this section between what is a "suspension" of rent and what is a "waiver", but apparently the Senate believes it can waive its legislative wand and forever deprive property owners of 90 days rent. This is an unconstitutional taking and impairment of leasehold contract in violation of the U.S. Constitution, Article I Section X Clause I.

b. June - August is turn over time for students. As written, a student that has a lease expiring July 31 is entitled to an automatic renewal, even if the unit has already been leased to another individual for coming academic year. That student could conceptually remain in occupancy at a lower rent than has already been agreed to in a written contract with another person. Is this Board prepared to hire more judges to handle the litigation and public turmoil that will result?

c. In the event of a commercial lease that has automatic escalation such as if the taxes go up or there is an annual adjustment, does this mean that the contract as written no longer applies? No one knows, because the drafters did not consider these possibilities.

d. What if the lease that is "automatically extended" is a 20 year lease? How long is the extension for - 90 days or 20 years?

e. The loss of rents directly affects the value and taxable value of property.

Section b provides (b) (i) Any person or entity who faces a financial hardship as a result of being deprived rent payments for property pursuant to this section shall receive forgiveness on any mortgage payments for such property for ninety days, in an amount determined by the following fraction multiplied by such mortgage payment, up to the total dollar amount of lost rent: (A) The numerator shall be the total amount of rent payments suspended for his or her tenants over the ninety day period laid out in this section; and (B) The denominator shall be the total amount of rent payments typically owed for such entire property over the ninety day period laid out in this section.

(ii) Any person or entity qualifying for mortgage payment forgiveness under this subdivision shall not and shall never be required to pay any mortgage waived during such time period.

a. This section interferes with the terms of every commercial mortgage in the state. Do you think it likely that the home of commercial banking in the United States is not going to challenge this? The law of unintended consequences will be to de-legitimize New York as a banking business state, driving more services to other states.

We are all struggling the challenges of this pandemic. It is in no one's best interest to rush through legislation that will do more harm than good for the sake of political expediency.

The unintended consequences of this law will be to reduce the availability of capital for new construction in the state, increase costs, drive business away, and deprive residents of opportunity.

I strongly urge that the Board not adopt this resolution.

Very truly yours,

Ithaca Renting Company,

/s/

By: Nathan M. Lyman

Ann Sullivan

City of Ithaca

While I agree drastic cuts are necessary, I strongly oppose that all of the power for the cuts to be in the mayor's hands. Two city councilors (I suggest the chair of the PEDC and Administrative) should be added to give other perspectives. This simply gives the mayor too much authority.

Thank you for your work in this difficult time.

Best,

Ann Sullivan

Robert Shepherd

City of Ithaca

Hello

My name is Rob and I am a firefighter here in the City of Ithaca. I am writing to you in regards to the severe Fire Department budget cuts the Mayor is proposing. I want to preface my statement by acknowledging the many individuals throughout the City that are being impacted by this situation, the decisions you will be asked to make are tough. These cuts, especially the three furloughs, are short sighted and will endanger our community and our department for years to come.

Furloughing firefighters Dove, Teeter, and Bloodnick is a decision with long-lasting consequences in terms of both public and firefighter safety. These firefighters are currently three weeks into an eleven-week recruit training program at the NYS Fire Academy, training that is mandatory before serving on the frontline. If these three firefighters are unable to complete their training this year, they will not be able to serve as frontline firefighters until at least July of next year. Many of you have had the experience of Fire Ops 101, I have personally had the chance to attend it with three of you. I know you are aware of how necessary this training is.

Our number of frontline personnel are already at dire levels. As of today, we have 57 members who are ready for duty. With the furloughs, this will drop to 56, and with the three retirements taking place over the next several months, we will be at 53, assuming no one else is injured, becomes sick, or opts to retire. There is a six month period from the date of hire until a new firefighter is ready for the frontline. The City cannot afford to throw away their investment in these three firefighters who are close to completing their mandatory training.

I understand that all departments are facing severe cuts, but not counting the three firefighter furloughs, we have seen severe cuts already. We currently have an unfilled position, in July the Mayor is proposing to cut the two firefighters and Deputy Chief position that you fought hard for this past budget season. Over the last ten years, our staffing has reduced from 69 positions in 2009 down to our current 62. If the City wants the Fire Department to be open, it needs funding. We cannot work from home; the calls we go to cannot wait a few minutes, much less, months, or years for times to get better. Structural fires, car wrecks, gorge rescues, medical emergencies, etc. remain the same in good times and bad and require trained personnel to manage safely and efficiently.

If the City is unwilling to fund the training of new firefighters, we will soon run into a situation where stations are closed, and our services diminished. The City must find a way to preserve these positions and finish training these recruits. They are critical to our community's safety and the safety of all the firefighters still working. Mary Gaines

Ithaca

What options are you exploring for childcare as the City reopens, but summer camps are closed? How can workers keep their jobs, while also caring for children full time, and actually offering opportunities for our youth to thrive?

Also, do you anticipate the state raising the tax cap to account for the massive shortfalls in the budget this year?

Thanks for your work during this tough time.

Greg Sherman

Ithaca

Everyone knows this virus is fabricated as far as how dangerous it is. We have been lied to from the numbers to how to properly care for our families. Can one person take a stand and end this insanity? We could lead by example and run this county like it should be normally. How about you freeze rent since Ithaca has the greediest rent prices in the country just about. Politicians are snakes who are parasitic to those who work hard and have morals.

Kevin Koehler

City of Ithaca

Greetings Members of Council,

I wish we were conducting conversations under better circumstances. I understand the gravity of the situation currently facing us.

After reviewing the latest information, I have concluded the following;

The proposed plan includes Furloughing three firefighters, bringing back only while in the academy, and then furloughing again. This plan accounts for three retirements that will not be filled, as well as two open vacancies budgeted to be filled in July. This means a total reduction of 8 positions. At first, I thought we were discussing three firefighters that would be temporarily furloughed and replaced as retirements happened. It is now clear to me that we are losing eight positions. This is unacceptable.

Words cannot express the fear I feel for the safety of the members of the department as well as the citizens of the community. Eight is absolutely too many. We cannot sacrifice the safety of the women and men that continue to come to work every day for temporary monetary savings.

In 2009 we had 69 uniformed firefighters. We sacrificed positions during the tough times in 2010 and 2011. Right now, we have 62, including the three proposed to be furloughed. We have seen unprecedented growth as a city since then. Again this year, when presented with the best financial position the city has been in, we had to fight to avoid cuts!! We compromised and delayed filling vacancies until July. To say I am frustrated by advocating to prevent cuts in the best of times is an understatement. We have sacrificed and been short-staffed for years. We have never recovered since the last time cuts took place. I cannot allow any more cuts.

This hits on a much deeper level than just a few positions. This truly crushes the morale of the dedicated people continuing to show up to work every day and face the unknown. This will destroy the relationship we have worked to improve between the city and the members of the department. We have been working to eliminate the "us vs. them" mentality that was present before. I fear that this action will cut so deeply that it will take a generation to repair.

No matter the decision, we will continue to serve. We will be there for you. Just don't force us to do it with one arm tied behind our backs.

Respectfully,

Kevin Koehler

Matt Steecker

City of Ithaca

This isn't really as much of a comment for the public comment period as it is a question that I would like someone to answer during the Common Council meeting. Could you let us know if there are any major positions included in the proposed hiring freeze? Are there any vacant senior, managerial or high-ranking positions in the Department of Public Works, Ithaca Fire Department or Ithaca Police Department that are being considered for the hiring freeze? Would the hiring freeze include any positions that would be very important in the day-to-day operations of the city? If such positions are being considered, could you say which positions would be included and how the department/s will operate during the freeze?

Amanda Moretti

Ithaca ny

I do not want the added technology of 5 g installed here in Ithaca .It has not been studied enough for it's effect on health.thank you !!

Vanessa Wood

Ithaca postal code in the Town of Danby

Hello to all, I hope this finds you well and safe.

I am writing because I would like to state that I am concerned with the push for increased infrastructure of 4-G technology and I am opposed to the rollout of 5G technology in the Ithaca area. This technology comes with health risks for humans here as well as the plants and animals in this area. There is a growing body of scientific research that suggests that 5G is harmful to health. It is enough to warrant caution and further testing, if not rejection of this technology- at least until improvements are made, if that is possible.

This is a public health issue because we cannot easily avoid the affects of this technology. It is not like some other health issues where reasonable precautions can help us, or where we can personally avoid exposure by making our own choices. I have lived in Ithaca for 15 years, and contributed to the community like so many other people here. I feel we should have a say and that our voices should matter, because we will not be able to escape the consequences.

Our internet is already fast enough generally, and the risks are not worth whatever gains are being discussed. At the very least, this technology needs further research, especially in light of the negative health impacts already being studied. Please do not take this unnecessary risk that will impact us all. Please look at a broad view of scientific research as well as common sense.

It is unethical to subject citizens and the environment to harm, especially when there is no need. Thank you for your time and service.

Best Regards,

VanessaLisa

margaret Baker

City

Please do not allow 5G to come into our town. Scientists have already stated the great harm that this stronger EMF can do.

Theodore Whitley

Ithaca

Hello Good People of Ithaca and Decision Makers Alike,

I share today to call in common sense and human decency. I am progressive, I use technology for my livelihood, and look forward to new paradigms in wireless communication that will usher in innovation and automation in ways we can now barely imagine possible. I also believe that health is the fulcrum of well being and consent is the cornerstone of community. Let us not rush into filling our homes, schools, offices, and public spaces with technology that has the potential to disrupt our biology in negative ways. Are we not still dealing with the error of Asbestos and Lead to this day? The human body is a miracle with many mysteries yet to be discovered. Just because an "expert" deems it's safe does mean the case

is closed. Who is funding this research? In what capacities has it been fulfilled? The time to draw the line for public safety is now. It will avoid a costly retreat later. Please join me in the growing movement of awareness around the dangers of EMF. Studies have shown significant risks associated with 3G and 4G. There are even signs posted in fall creek telling pedestrians to stand clear of broadcast receivers. If 6 feet is too close... how is 7 feet safe? These are imaginary thresholds in a gradient reality. So instead of saying NO to 5G. I say YES, when the testing is unanimous and the results are emphatically YES... 5G is safe. Until then I urge you to uphold your civic responsibility and to protect your community from potentially hazardous hardware being installed throughout our area.

Thank you

Theo

Yumi Asakura

City of Ithaca

I am writing to address the concerns regarding the possible installation of 5G towers in Ithaca. I have been researching on the adverse effects of 5G technology on health and environment, and it turns out that there are not enough testing on the safety of this new technology and many scientists and doctors warn about the danger of 5G. There are some reports that it may have adverse effects on our health, especially for young children and immune compromised people who are vulnerable to EMF exposure as well as birds and bees among other natural habitats.

I am opposing the installation of 5G until further testing for safety is confirmed. Please protect the citizens and environment from this possibly harmful technology.

Thank you.

Yumi Asakura

PS

Here are some of the links for your reference:

“EU 5G Appeal” Scientists warn of potential serious health effects of 5G”

<https://www.jrseco.com/european-union-5g-appeal-scientists-warn-of-potential-serious-health-effects-of-5g/>

“Adverse health effects of 5G mobile networking technology under real-life conditions”

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S037842742030028X>

Joe Cummins

Enfield

Please refuse to allow 5G technology into Ithaca. I am not convinced it is safe or necessary. Thank you!

David Gallahan
City of Ithaca

I strongly oppose any approvals that would facilitate 5G deployment in Ithaca.

At this time the verified dangers of pulsed polarized radio frequency radiation are not commonly known.

This is in part because the studies that have been sponsored by the industry muddy the water with false assurances.

We should have a moratorium on any such development until thorough independent studies have been done.

In fact, such radiation interferes with the healthy functioning of our nervous system, an added burden on everyone's health.

For an increasing number of our fellow citizens this existing burden is already debilitating.

If the telecommunication industry gets their way and keeps raising the intensity of radiation we are exposed to, inevitably this will become a health problem for everyone.

I will append one citation that can be viewed at:

<https://www.nature.com/articles/srep14914>

Alexas Esposito
Newfield

I believe this should be further studied before full installation in Ithaca, NY.

There is not enough research to show that it is safe.

As an active indigenous resident, I also cannot stand by this decision as it relates to the unknown effect that it has on our ecosystem. With the changes we are experiencing now, it is of utmost important to do necessary research before implementing something that has unknown effects on the environment around it, only hypotheses from scientific data.

As a student, I understand scientific process well, and it is one thing to have a hypotheses and assumptions from scientific data, but is another to have repeated experiments with actual results of a reasonable amount of time to determine the true data.

I urge you, at the minimum, to impose a moratorium to 5G installation in the City of Ithaca until further scientific data is collected and is proven that it is safe for humans and the environment around it.

-Alexas Esposito

Ara'o'cibanã , Maisi Guanã- , Taã-noJoe Soto
Newfield

I oppose any installation of this new technology called 5G until further science base health study are conducted. There has not been enough health impact studies nor info on how 5G and how it will impact

our community, our children our health nor theirs has been impact study on how this technology will affect not just the wildlife but also our surroundings which includes the plants of life, trees, insect population and so on. I do not understand how this technology will benefit us. I like to see a moratorium put in place as mention above until further scientific health impact studies are conducted as to affects of 5G by an independent scientific researchers.

William Fudeman
City of Ithaca

There is no certainty the 5G Cell Towers (with the increased radiation of EMF exposure) won't create serious health risks to humans and other mammals.

Please, can we ban 5G in Ithaca until such time as scientific studies can prove that 5G will not cause brain cancers, headache, fatigue, cognitive dysfunction, and interference with human reproduction?

Honestly, we need to be careful about what we are exposing ourselves to in this community.

Thank you.

Will Fudeman

Ithaca

laura Williams
ithaca
NO 5G!

Devon Buckley
Town of Ithaca

I feel the public needs to be notified of the risk-benefit analysis of installing small cell antennae that will be vigilantly exposing us to short wave millimeter radiation. I have a preschool in my home and several telephone poles near my house. There is plenty of evidence on 4G technology negatively affecting neural pathways of developing brains. There is disturbing research concerning 60ghz radiation affecting the absorption of oxygen because that is how it travels so efficiently. I live on a hill full of happy bird life and would suffer immensely to watch the quality of life in our town suffer for the benefit of faster internet and more money for mobile tech giants. I wish not to be a Guinea pig and instead would like to open this discussion more in Tompkins county before rushing headlong into something that could be a grave mistake to all I hold dear. I would move from this county likely if faced with such onslaught of radiation in my neighborhood with no place to seek shelter from the waves. The cells are so close to each other. Please consider pausing this decision and bringing in the opinions of the public and Including global research (like why are certain cities and countries banning 5G and why are people resisting this technology worldwide) to determine if we even SHOULD. THANKS. I would love to be in attendance at further meetings discussing this topic. I desire full disclosure to the public about these decisions. It is too close to our homes to not include us in the decision making process.

judy soranno

Ithaca

I am requesting the temporary ban of 5G installation in the City of Ithaca and Tompkins County until scientific study proves it is 100% safe, and I ask for the temporary ban on 5G installation in City of Ithaca and Tompkins County. For the sake of our children, and vulnerable citizens, please vote NO. Thank you.

Rebecca Holland

Town of Ithaca

I am a resident of Ithaca and have 3 children that attend Ithaca City school district. I am very concerned about the possibility of small cell 4G/5G radiation facilities being installed and turned on in Ithaca. Wireless small cell antennas emit microwave-non-ionizing radiofrequency radiation- and essentially function as cell towers. Each installation can have over a thousand antennas that are transmitting simultaneously. They increase electromagnetic radiation near homes. Property values drop after a cell tower is installed near a home. I personally know a woman that had to move out of her house after a small cell was installed across the street from her house and now rents an Air-BnB until she can sell her house and find a city that has banned these small cell towers. She experienced headaches, dizziness, brain-fog, insomnia, shortness of breath from these towers emitting radiation directly into her home constantly. This is very concerning especially for children. Will these be installed near schools, day-cares, hospitals, and elderly care homes? I will sue the city if that is the case. Many cities in NY have sued their cities and WON these cases, examples are Huntington, NY and Oyster Bay, NY. The city should look into who is ultimately responsible when these cases go to court, is Verizon the responsible party or the city? This is a 2020 statement by Verizon wireless in their annual report: "We are subject to a significant amount of litigation, which could require us to pay significant damages or settlements." In addition, our wireless business also faces personal injury and wrongful death lawsuits relating to alleged health effects of wireless phones or radio frequency transmitters. We may incur significant expenses in defending these lawsuits. In addition, we may be required to pay significant awards or settlements." This is very unsettling information. Verizon is admitting to us that people are harmed or die from wireless radiation and they have to pay for damages in court. Who is asking for 4G/5G in our town? Is there anyone in our city requesting faster WiFi for the trade off of these health consequences?

The World Health Organization classifies EMFs as a "class 2b" carcinogen, the same classification as lead and asbestos. Verizon openly admits that 5G/60 GHz is absorbable by oxygen (the lower frequencies are NOT absorbed by oxygen). Microwave radiation works by agitating and spinning molecules within food to heat it up. Imagine what happens to our bodies when these 60 GHz radiation waves start to agitate and spin our oxygen molecules within our bloodstream. Oxygen is the most important element to all of biological life. This 60 GHz radiation WILL affect our body's ability to absorb oxygen properly.

Cumulative daily radiation exposure is associated with serious health effects. Examples are headaches, migraines, dizziness, cancer, insomnia, memory problems, depression just to name a few. Many people already have EMF sensitivities from the wireless radiation frequencies that we currently use. EMF sensitivity is a recognized disability under the American Disability Act and if these towers affect Ithaca residents with this disability, the city is discriminating against these residents. Will Ithaca go to every home and determine if the residents have a documented EMF sensitivity? If the city isn't willing to do this then they will be liable and will have to remove these towers near any place in Ithaca that these residents go (like grocery store, church, work, etc) since those residents are being discriminated against.

The American Academy of Pediatrics is one of many medical organizations that is calling for federal action to protect children from wireless radiation. For example, the American Academy of Pediatrics webpage on Cell Towers states:

“An Egyptian study confirmed concerns that living nearby mobile phone base stations increased the risk for developing:

-Headaches

-Memory problems

-Dizziness

-Depression

-Sleep problems”

In fact, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), our largest organization of children’s doctors, has repeatedly written the US government that current regulations on cellular radiation are outdated and non protective for children and pregnant women. “Children are not little adults and are disproportionately impacted by all environmental exposures, including cell phone radiation. Current FCC standards do not account for the unique vulnerability and use patterns specific to pregnant women and children. It is essential that any new standard for cell phones or other wireless devices be based on protecting the youngest and most vulnerable populations to ensure they are safeguarded throughout their lifetimes.”

The FCC does not monitor radiation exposures from cell installations and many cell towers are in violation of the radiation limits. The Wall Street Journal did an investigative report in 2014 examining over 5,000 cell antennas sites and found that 1 in 10 sites violated the rules during safety audits for carriers and local municipalities “underscoring a safety lapse,” yet the FCC has issued just two citations to cell carriers since 1996 because “the FCC says it lacks resources to monitor each antenna.” A CBS Atlanta investigation also found radiation excesses up to 400 percent of the limit close up to the antennas on rooftop posing serious health risks especially to any worker coming on the roof. Will the city of Ithaca be responsible if these towers are not FCC compliant or will Verizon be? How often will the city check these towers for compliance and who will check them (Verizon or the city)? If a small cell goes up by my house, I will get an independent company to check the radiation levels and I will sue the city if it is not in compliance. I will check it everyday, every night if I have to. I am NOT in agreement with these towers being placed anywhere near human life and I will continue to fight this since I know in my heart I am doing the right thing. Luckily, there are so many avenues by which to fight this. That I am grateful for!

I would love to talk more about this in person and bring hundreds of studies to show the City Council members. Thank you for taking the time to listen to my concerns about these small cell towers.

Rebecca Holland

Susan Clarke

Town

Absolutely NOT!!!!!!!!!!!!!! It's no longer a conspiracy theory. There is mounting evidence that 5G, the fifth generation of wireless technology, is not only harming plants, animals but HUMANS as well. I implore all of our elected officials to do their job and take a very serious look at the scientific data that explains what 3G, 4G and now 5G, the most dangerous and damaging electromagnetic frequency, will do to ALL humans. Please read "The Invisible Rainbow, A History of Electricity and Life" by Arthur Firstenberg, a thoroughly scientifically backed book, and it will become very clear that in order for humans to survive and thrive we must put a stop to satellite pollution and microwave towers on the ground. Let Ithaca be one of the first cities in America and the world to put it's foot down and not be trampled by dangerous technology. I thought Ithaca was all about being a safe haven for living naturally. At least it was when I moved here over 16 years ago. What happened?

Jamie Levesque

Newfield

I want to express that I am adamantly opposed to 5G towers being in Ithaca New York or any of the surrounding villages. There have been no long-term studies done on their safety!!! But there has been plenty of stifled reports showing bees dead near the towers and that they have negative effects on our cells. As a progressive community, who is supporting the green new deal, I think it's VERY important that we collectively take a stand against this as a community! We need to show other places across the state and nation that we are opposed!!!

Sage Guinn

Ithaca

I urge you to stop the installment of 5g technology in our town and county - at this point there is enough serious scientific research considering the harmful effects of 5G technology!! We believe we have the right to Protect the health of our community our children and our environment from the potential harm of 5g technology. There are some communities and countries in the world that have put a stop to 5G technology to protect their people- we want you to do the same for our community!!"

Allison DeSario

City of Ithaca

Dear Common Council members,

I am writing as a concerned member of the Ithaca community to oppose the spread of 4G and the implementation of 5G wireless technology in our city. There are studies showing that wireless radiation frequencies can effect the human endocrine (hormone) system, the immune system, increase the risk of various types of cancers, increase the risk for neuropsychiatric effects including depression, damage DNA, affect brain function, reduce memory functions, induce apoptosis (programmed cell death that can lead to neurodegenerative disease), and multitudes of other effects documented in peer-reviewed studies, as well as anecdotal reports of electro-hypersensitive symptoms.

Current standards of radiation frequency exposure that have been adopted by the U.S. Federal Communications Commission (U.S. FCC) are based on short duration exposure and not for long duration, high frequency exposure, which would be normal if more small cell radiation antenna were installed in Ithaca. I think this needs to be considered and addressed to potentially change the outdated standards that are currently in place for our country. Until then it seems irresponsible to roll out hoards of antennas with all of the mounting evidence that shows the danger of wireless communication technologies. Also, in this time of COVID-19 I find it appalling that non-essential business such as 5G implementation is being considered as worthy of funding.

I think it is extremely important for more research done by scientists outside of the telecommunications field be conducted to make unbiased assessments on the impact this technology has on living organisms. I also think that our law makers and representatives should take it upon themselves to look into the studies that already exist so that they can make informed decisions on whether or not to allow large telecommunications companies to implement more wireless communication in cities throughout our country. To me, the clearly demonstrated risk 5G poses to our entire community, with babies and the elderly being most the susceptible, does not outweigh the benefit of having faster internet capabilities.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this topic.

Sincerely,

Allison DeSario

Ryan Curtis
Brooktondale

First off, let's just establish that Ithaca would be ahead of the curve - rather than behind by waiting at least a few years to install and activate 5G locally. On a cynical note - the whole 5G thing is just another excuse for cell phone companies to get you to need to "upgrade your phone" - making phones and technologies that don't operate on the 5G network obsolete. For that matter - do we really need to live on and in our phones more than we currently do? I know I'm not alone in my frustrations regarding how much the phone has taken over our lives. But the real reason to hold back on this supposed technological "upgrade and innovation in the name of progress" is that - just like "progress" we have witnessed in the past - this technology too comes with a host of risks both to human health and to the health of animals, and "essential worker" insects like our pollinating bees ... I'll leave the science behind all that to the comments I'm sure others are making. Bottom line - let's take our time on 5G - there's no rush on this one... Let them test it out and improve technology where they do - and let's be one of the cities that was wise enough to wait.

Rebecca Vonbergen
Trumansburg Ulysses

"Each generation of wireless over the last four decades has increased the exposure of radiation to citizens around the world. But there has never been such a profound change in the wireless infrastructure as with the introduction of 5G. 5G is the infrastructure for the Internet of Things, Artificial

Intelligence and driverless cars. It will wirelessly interconnect tens of billion more devices, deploys millions of “small cell” antennas near our homes and will use tens of thousands of satellites to radiate Wi-Fi microwave radiation to every corner of the planet.”

From:

<https://childrenshealthdefense.org/news/seeking-justice-around-the-globe-lawsuit-to-stop-5g-filed-in-the-netherlands/?fbclid=IwAR10zUsneZG-PZKsWL7bDNL4etbp34MI-1i97NdqsGW3LoJdt1cFBmYZbMg>

There is no need to pursue this kind of new construction & service while most of our businesses are closed & people are still stuck at home on NY PAUSE. What’s the rush? If there is a public health concern for 5G & there is globally, why not explore these concerns? Don’t we have enough unknown health issues right now? Put them on PAUSE & let’s research safety data or have an independent research study take place before we commit to this kind of controversial power.

Dr Rebecca VonBergen

John Driscoll
Town of Ithaca
Ithaca City Council,

Please do not grant access to Verizon or any other company to use public right of ways to install 4G or 5G cell phone towers. The radiation emitted from these towers is very harmful to human health and should not be permitted in our town or anywhere. The radiation is harmful at such high levels and has not been sufficiently studied. Please do not allow such a harmful technology to threaten our seniors and children and everyone’s general well being. Our health is more important than having faster internet connections. Thank you very much!

John Driscoll

Walter Hartman
Ithaca

These are the facts I know and I am available to share my evidence and experience by request. 5G was developed by the military as a millimeter length weapon. The National Toxicology Program's 14 year, 25 million dollar study shows clear evidence of harm from 2G and 3G. There is much we are not being told and studies of harm to any biological cell is vastly studied independently through open science.

Can we call it a nefarious technology? Can we trust the government in Washington DC and their agencies? How would we know? Are these questions enough to put a moratorium on introducing this without having answers? Let's look at it further.

The science I have studied shows at 60 gigahertz, 5G causes deleterious damage to oxygen molecules. There was a passionate senator who questioned a panel from Telecom in a hearing and they admitted more studies should be done but to this date they have not produced. One study shows 5G knocking birds and bees right out of the sky in flight dead. Many municipalities and places all around the world have rejected this technology. I have strong evidence refuting what the industry, the government, the

media, and Western Rockefeller science has to say about this matter. It's compartmentalized and is the reason their message has such impact.

It takes 7 seconds to send a text to Japan. Do we really need something faster? My background to make such statements is that I have been to several different colleges, studied many aspects of science for 4 decades, research both sides of an issue thoroughly, I am a combat veteran and I protected nuclear missiles for the Army and the Navy.

So I implore you to search your critical thinking skills, look at the evidence, and your moral obligation and ask yourself is it okay to allow a technology that has not been studied, or at least not been disclosed to the public, or to receive revenue from a large multi-billion monopoly who very well may not have everyone's best interest in mind, to say the least?

Orson Leonard

Ithaca

If I thought screaming into the void of frequencies would accomplish much you would hear my voice on the commons every warm day. This court room is like the void, a system that has collapsed into itself. Ithaca is no longer a hippy town or progressive pillar, it's just another beautiful town losing out to the man. If we the children of this time say nothing while they pollute the air waves that allow us to think then we are laying down and accepting that change comes the progression of money and material goods. This is not the attitude of the children. We are waking up earlier and we are changing the world based on your mistakes. Realize them yourselves and aid us to start this change. 3g causes cancer, this 5G stuff is unforgivable, turn over your government eugenics program. 5g is a death wish.

Mary Archin

Ithaca

To whom it may concern,

My name is Mary Archin and I have been advocating for the safety testing of 5G for the past 5 years. I understand that you are meeting to discuss this topic, and I would like to state for the record that the city of Ithaca should halt turning on all 5G towers until independent safety studies can be completed. There are several other communities opting for the halt, and we would be wise to do the same.

Pioneer Dr. Devra Davis is the reason why we no longer have smoking on airplanes. After winning that battle, she turned her attention to the dangers of WIFI and has been very vocal about the potential dangers of 5G. She is currently waging a lawsuit against the FCC. I encourage you to read the scientific studies on her website / EHTRUST.ORG and watch her international lectures on the subject on youtube.

Unlike smoking, wifi has been an extremely useful tool in modernizing our world, but its convenience and value does not mean we ignore the risks. I hope that a halt on 5G in Ithaca will give us time to find a balance based on Health, transparency and of course the convenience of high speed internet.

Elizabeth Salon

Ithaca

As a health care provider of over 40 years, I am convinced of the damage to life caused by 5G, and strongly oppose exposing Ithaca and surrounds to this invisible but serious threat to our collective health. It has enough potential danger to stop it from coming here. The oath of "first do no harm" of a health care provider comes to mind and rings true in this case. We don't need it! We don't want it! I would thank you for considering our health first, despite the industry big sell and hype that it is safe, it is NOT safe.

Neko Three Sixty

Ithaca

I am all for responsible technology, as I use the Internet and my smartphone daily for my business as well as for entertainment. And I do already have concerns about WiFi as well as 3g and 4g, because of numerous studies showing the ill effects on plants, eco systems and animals (humans included), so I truly urge our elected officials to think about what ways we can make ethical choices to benefit ALL of life, and NOT run 5g , but instead say NO, to help sway the demand and therefore encourage the power companies to use those intelligent and innovative minds of theirs to come up with safer and more ecologically mindful technologies! The future of our children, our planet and ourselves depend on this. Thank you for considering!

-Neko Three Sixty

kristin bartholomew

Lansing ny

Please vote for the temporary ban of 5G installation in the City of Ithaca and Tompkins County until scientific study proves it is 100% safe, and call for the temporary ban on 5G installation in City of Ithaca and Tompkins County.

Studies have shown significant risks associated with 3G and 4G networks. These networks are what our cellular phones operate off of, the internet and general wireless communication.

Currently, in Fall Creek there are signs telling pedestrians to stand clear of broadcast receivers. If 6 feet is too close... how is 7 feet safe? These are imaginary thresholds in a gradient reality.

We are not saying NO to 5G, but calling for further research and studies to allow for a decision that allows for 100% consent based on evidence, not speculation.

Until then please uphold your civic responsibility and to protect your community from potentially hazardous hardware being installed throughout our area.

Please vote NO to any further decisions around the installation 5G in the City of Ithaca and Tompkins County until the studies and science prove it is 100% safe.

Danny Fox

Town of Ithaca

New 4GLTE/low band 5G Hybrid antennas are being located in neighborhoods. These technologies increase data download speeds and the number of cell signals and information broadcast in the same airspace. The amount of modulation and pulsing that occurs in creating and shaping the cell signal from these antennas results in homes in a neighborhood being bathed 24/7 with strong, always-on radio frequency (RF) energy (RF radiation, RFR) that easily passes through walls. Several decades of international scientific research confirms that RFR from wireless antennas and wireless devices is biologically active in humans and is now considered to be a human health problem. Included are cellular stress, increase in harmful free radicals, genetic damages, structural and functional changes of the reproductive system, learning and memory deficits, neurological disorders, and negative impacts on general well-being in humans (EMFscientist.org , "Scientists call for protection from non-ionizing Electromagnetic field exposure"). Therefore recent increases in health symptoms in residents living near newly installed small cell antennas in neighborhoods may be related to the signals they emit.

I have struggled with sensitivity to RFR for about 20 years, and have had to minimize my exposure to RFR in order to survive. It is a health condition that cannot be treated or cured; the only way to minimize symptoms is to minimize exposure to RFR. It has been necessary to hardwire all devices in my house that are required for internet access, and in some cases install shielding to minimize RFR getting into my home from the outside, and avoid environments where strong RFR is present. I am concerned not only for my health, but also that of those who live in our city and town of Ithaca and the population in general. With the growth in use of wireless technology, experts in this field estimate that in the U.S. , Canada and Western Europe, about 35% of the population already have moderate symptoms of RFR sensitivity, and 3% have severe symptoms. This will only get worse as we increase the use of more powerful 4G/5G wireless technology. At a minimum, new 4G/5G small antennas should not be installed in residential neighborhoods.

Nathan Walz

Ithaca

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to request a moratorium on the roll-out of 5G, until potential hazards for human health and the environment have been fully investigated by scientists and medical doctors independent from industry.

There are thousands of independent studies that show adverse health impacts from wireless radiation. Children are more vulnerable, and they depend on us to protect them. Studies also show wireless radiation harms birds, bees, trees and nature, something most of the people in this town have great respect for.

The US National Toxicology Program \$30M study on cell phone radiation found male rats exposed for two years to cell phone radiation developed significantly increased gliomas (brain cancer) and schwann cell tumors, the very same types of tumors increased in long-term human cell phone users.

5G will not replace current 3G and 4G networks. It will be in addition to these networks, further increasing involuntary exposure.

A few facts on 5G:

There is no scientific evidence to support any claim of 5G safety

5G requires significantly more cell towers which will increase involuntary exposure to wireless radiation in our communities

Hundreds of scientists and public health experts from around the world are demanding a moratorium on the deployment of 5G

The government's human exposure guidelines haven't been updated in more than twenty years and are only concerned with thermal exposures

Peer reviewed research studies on radiofrequency radiation have found the following symptoms:

Headaches

Sperm damage

Altered brain development

Depression

Neurological symptoms

Hormone changes

Memory problems

Sleep problems

Cancer

The insurance industry is aware of the risks and will not insure against electromagnetic radiation. According to a 2019 Swiss Re Report, 5G is rated as a "high impact" emerging risk affecting property and casualty claims in more than 3 years. As the biological effects of EMF in general and 5G in particular are still being debated, potential claims for health impairments may come with a long latency.

The peer reviewed research shows wireless radiation is a threat to the physical health of everyone living in this town in close proximity to the numerous new cell towers that will need to be installed for 5G to work.

Who's responsible for health, doctors or scientists? The only individuals saying 5G is safe are industry scientists and lawyers.

When there is scientific uncertainty, the precautionary principle must be applied and you must err on the side of caution.

While the 1996 Telecommunications Act paved the way for deregulation and monopolization of the Industry and protects telecom providers from liability, it does not protect local government officials that authorize the approval of cell facilities.

People around the world being injured by these toxic frequencies are holding those responsible for approval, accountable. I suggest you strongly consider this before approving a technology lacking in safety studies.

Thank you,

Nathan Walz

Thomas Schryver

Ithaca

I don't know what's motivating them, but there's a small but very vocal group who are committed to promoting disinformation about wireless communications and 5G wireless / mobile technology. There were a couple of dubious (old) studies that have been mis-used, cherry picked, and refuted to provide a veneer of "but look, science" to the claims by this group. Their claims have been widely debunked. Here are four articles that go into details on this, from highly reputable global sources:

<https://blogs.scientificamerican.com/observations/dont-fall-prey-to-scaremongering-about-5g/>

<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2020/apr/07/how-false-claims-about-5g-health-risks-spread-into-the-mainstream>

<https://www.theverge.com/2020/4/9/21214750/5g-coronavirus-conspiracy-theories-radio-waves-virus-internet>

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/07/16/science/5g-cellphones-wireless-cancer.html>

I encourage and implore members of Common Council to not mistake the high volume and intensity of comment from this small group to equal grassroots support. Also, louder shouting does not indicate the existence of evidence.

A rapid roll-out of 5G in the city would be a boon to its residents and provide much needed high-speed internet access as well as needed competition to entrenched incumbents. I encourage Common Council to move expeditiously to do what it can to encourage 5G providers to install and provide service in Ithaca - the sooner, the better.

Britton Dougherty

Ovid

Hello Ithaca City Council members. Thank you for your service to the community. I am writing concerning the master license agreement for small cell facilities with 4G and 5G capability. I want to share with you some of the known biological effects of pulsed and polarized non ionizing radiation, also know as wireless radiation, in which the community's inescapable exposure would increase

exponentially, if you decide to approve the agreement. There are many studies documenting these negative effects and I have sent you a separate email citing many studies to take into consideration.

Martin L. Pall, PhD, Professor Emeritus of Biochemistry and Basic Medical Sciences Washington State gives an overview of such biological effects:

“1. Attacks our nervous systems including our brains leading to widespread neurological/neuropsychiatric effects and possibly many other effects. This nervous system attack is of great concern.

2. Attacks our endocrine (that is hormonal) systems. In this context, the main things that make us functionally different from single celled creatures are our nervous system and our endocrine systems, even a simple planaria worm needs both of these. Thus the consequences of the disruption of these two regulatory systems is immense, such that it is a travesty to ignore these findings.

3. Produces oxidative stress and free radical damage, which have central roles in essentially all chronic diseases.

4. Attacks the DNA of our cells, producing single strand and double strand breaks in cellular DNA and oxidized bases in our cellular DNA. These in turn produce cancer and also mutations in germ line cells which produce mutations in future generations.

5. Produces elevated levels of apoptosis (programmed cell death), events especially important in causing both neurodegenerative diseases and infertility.

6. Lowers male and female fertility, lowers sex hormones, lowers libido and increases levels of spontaneous abortion and, as already stated, attacks the DNA in sperm cells.

7. Produces excessive intracellular calcium $[Ca^{2+}]_i$ and excessive calcium signaling.

8. Attacks the cells of our bodies to cause cancer. Such attacks are thought to act via 15 different mechanisms during cancer causation.”

For the sake of the health of the Ithaca community, I strongly urge you, to turn down this agreement. Many other communities have also made the decision to use the precautionary principle until there are studies proving the safety of this technology being used long term on the population. Please, we beg you, do not force this onto your community for the sake of more money for the telecommunication industry. Your community's fate is in your hands.

Sharon Barbell
City of Ithaca

I am a long-time resident of the City of Ithaca and I am extremely concerned about the impending installation of and the radiation emissions from small cell facilities.

The human body, as well as all other living organisms, was never meant to withstand the intense onslaught of continual exposure to extremely high electromagnetic frequency, as is found in millimeter wave technology, commonly known as 5G. Independent doctors and scientists from all over the world have demonstrated the negative health impacts of this unsafe technology. These include, but are not

limited to: radiation burns on the skin, cellular disruption leading to tumor formation, emotional and cognitive dysfunction, hypoxia (insufficient oxygen supply to tissue), sterility and other reproductive structural and functional changes, significantly elevated cancer risk, neurological disorders, suppression of immune function, sleep disruption, tinnitus, headaches, DNA and other genetic damage, and more. Conversely, there has not been one single study of any kind (including from the telecommunications industry itself) that has concluded that this technology is safe.

Nowhere have I seen a proper compilation and dissemination of information regarding these and other facts in Ithaca, even though our city is planning to install these millimeter wave towers every 500 feet or so. These small cell facilities emit constant, harmful levels of radiation at a range of 2,000 feet. This is in direct violation of my sovereign right as a resident of this city and a citizen of this country to informed consent. Informed consent involves providing every person in our community all available information regarding 5G (facts, studies, data, testimonies, etc.) so we the people know what is being imposed upon us. We then have the right to give or deny consent to this exposure. Due to this lack of information, the people of this city cannot come to their own conclusions and therefore make an informed decision. This mandatory imposition is in direct violation of our human rights.

I hereby deny the City of Ithaca permission to install small cell, millimeter wave (5G) towers anywhere within 4,000 feet of my property located at 202 Dey St., Ithaca, NY.

Hadas Ritz
Town of Ithaca

I think the Common Council should postpone consideration of allowing 5G antenna installation in the City of Ithaca until a public comment period can be held and a careful look taken at any available evidence of the safety of such installations.

April Peress
Newfield

I believe that since we don't have a consensus on what 5G will do to us, we should follow a precautionary path. Subjecting humans to non-ionizing electromagnetic fields (EMFs) has been shown in epidemiological studies, experimental studies, and in animal studies to cause chromosome damage. Studies show that being exposed to EMF fields predisposes humans to malignancy.

We need a moratorium on 5G in Ithaca and Tompkins County until its safety is proven.

Irina Peress
Ithaca

Ithaca and Tompkins County need to put a moratorium on 5G until there are public hearings and studies proving the 5G is not dangerous. Scientists around the world are concerned about the health effects of 5G, and many countries and communities have put a moratorium on rolling out 5G. 5G is intense microwave radiation that compromises human and nature's health, and we do not need this new threat to our health, especially when our community is already struggling with this current Covid-19 crisis. Don't sell our city to Verizon!

Adam Monzella

Ithaca

It is unfair to sign a contract and vote on this public health issue without first consulting with the public about it. Now, more than ever, public health should be put before corporate profits. There is a staggering amount of research that 4G is dangerous and damaging to human health as well as the environment. Small cell antenna also devalue property that they are close to. Please take this item off the agenda and allow there to be in depth community discussions and decision making. We are the ones who will be exposed to this radio frequency radiation and we deserve to make the decision whether the city allows it or not.

<https://www.wirelesseducationaction.org/dr-martin-pall/>

Look at this scientist's explanation of the harmful biological effects

Susan Holland

Ithaca

We recognize that the City of Ithaca is facing unprecedented challenges during this extraordinary time. As a local non-profit organization, Historic Ithaca is doing our part to support our community through these challenges. We are seeing firsthand, in the last weeks, the difficult decisions that municipalities throughout New York State are forced to make, due to lack of federal aid. That aid, we believe, should be committed to assisting local governments at this time of essential need; we have reached out to our elected federal officials to advocate and with our colleagues' groups for this aid.

We understand the dire financial straits that have necessitated the furlough of dedicated city employees. Undoubtedly, this was a wrenching decision. We are alarmed that the Historic Preservation Planner for the City of Ithaca, Bryan McCracken, was part of the recent furloughs. As you know, Ithaca has a large number of individually listed properties and properties that are part of our historic districts. Bryan's direct work with countless property owners through individual consultation and the ILPC over the years has been invaluable and made our community livable and attractive for both residents and visitors. Place is important. With his specialized training and education, Bryan serves as an important partner on several initiatives and grant applications and recently, in sustainability as it relates to preservation. We appreciate his expertise and willingness to work with everyone. Ithaca is a Certified Local Government with a preservation ordinance that has been actively used for decades. As such, the city is respected by many other communities throughout the region and the state for its commitment to historic preservation.

We hope that Bryan will be restored to his position at the nearest available opportunity.

Theresa Alt

City of Ithaca

Last month, instead of a local rent freeze, you voted to back a pair of bills in Albany. But we're not hearing anything from Albany. Now a bill has been introduced in Congress in Washington, HR 6515, that would achieve the same main things and then some. HR 6515 would suspend rent payment for the duration of the crisis, meaning no rent obligation, no late fees, no debts, no retaliation; it would similarly

suspend residential mortgage payments for the duration of the crisis; it would enforce these suspensions; it would let property owners apply for relief, provided that they agree to protections for their tenants; it would likewise provide relief to lenders of those unpaid mortgages; and it would include a buyout fund to prevent speculative purchases of multifamily housing and encourage sales to cooperatives, land trusts, nonprofit providers and municipalities.

A Senate companion bill is coming soon. Politically speaking, that's where a push from Ithaca can do the most good. Not so much by approaching Representative Tom Reed, who despises us anyway, but by calling on Senators Schumer and Gillibrand, who may be persuaded to do the right thing.

Katerina Naumenko

Ithaca

I will be brief. Microwave ovens operate at frequency of 2.45 GHz, microwave range is from 300 MHz to 300 GHz, 5G is from 410 MHz to 52.6GHz. That means 5G operates at the frequencies that our microwave ovens cook at! We ALL know that sticking your kid in a microwave oven is deadly. Microwaves speed up the vibration of water molecules and other atoms causing the proteins to denature (aka cook or plainly just break). Human body has LOTS of proteins that are used as messengers, receptors for messages, allergies, immunity, digestive enzymes, cell parts, and obviously muscles which are in you heart, arteries, digestive tract, eyes, etc. Another simple thing that gets broken by microwaves is our DNA, that results in DEATH, diseases, CANCER, etc. Rapid vibration of anything causes heat to be released, in the body that is inflammation (autoimmune conditions, cancer, diabetes, skin conditions, etc.) and pain and disease. High frequencies also interfere with magnetic fields, our BRAIN and HEART have very specific bio magnetic fields that can be jammed and broken. Nerve cells communicate through ELECTRICAL impulses, that can get jammed, add this to cooking your cells by rapid vibration.

WHY do we want to microwave ourselves and our children alive on a daily basis 24-7 year round?!

I'm not going to list 3 pages of references, suffice to say I have worked/studied both in science and medicine.

For more "professional" information visit emrnetwork.org (they DO have literature), or contact DIRECTLY Barrie Trower, website www.stayonthetruth.com/Barrie-Trower-videos.php

Brion Scimae

Town of Ithaca

Dear Common Counsel,

I would like to see the city of Ithaca take more time to investigate and research the effects of 5G before approving any process for allowing this new technology into our community. While I do not live in the city proper I am in the city on a daily basis and would be effected by this new higher level of radiation being emitted throughout the community. As in the case with Dryden and fracked gas, the community is looking to you to make a stand against this new unproven technology and to protect the residents and environment from excessive and unneeded radiation.

Thank you

Brion Scimae

James Warren

City of Ithaca

I fully support the implementation of 5G in Ithaca. Please move forward with this idea.

Emma Frisch

Ithaca

City of Ithaca,

I sincerely hope that we can have more time to discuss this enormous decision as a community. It is a very delicate time to be introducing anything new on such a big (and possibly detrimental) scale. I myself have not had enough time to research the possible impact of the 5G roll out for my family and children, let alone the broader community. Please show us that Ithaca is the forward-thinking community I believe it to be, one in which its devoted residents can participate in major decisions like this.

I am happy to discuss more.

Best,

Emma Frisch

Victor Rakovich

Town of Ithaca

I feel strongly that the installation of 5G technology should be NOT be installed in the Ithaca area until the public has been fully informed about the safety of this technology.

I live in the ecovillage and have 4 kids. I care about my community.

Thank you!

Jaclyn Meshako

Ithaca

I am aware that Common Council plans to discuss their proposed financial agreement with Verizon for the expansion of the Telecomm's 4G towers, and the roll out of their new fifth generation (5G) network.

The new antennas are part of the next generation wireless network, and will be added on top of the existing 3G / 4G / 4G LTE. There is strong scientific evidence proving that exposure to EMF radiation from the EXISTING 3G/ 4G/ 4GLTE and WIFI technology causes harmful biological impacts. And there is essentially no research on the safety of 5G. This is an undeniable risk.

Studies...

<https://www.wirelesseducationaction.org/dr-martin-pall/>

<https://www.5gcrisis.com/scientific-studies>

<https://www.emfscientist.org/index.php/emf-scientist-appeal>

<https://bioinitiative.org/conclusions/>

Furthermore, the FCC's exposure and testing limits have not been updated in decades. They were set well before the invention of smartphones, and reflect what was deemed safe 25 years ago (!)

Ithaca Common Council and the Tompkins County Legislature have the power to stop this tonight. Following the Homeland Security and the FCC orders, local authorities have emergency powers to place a moratorium on non-essential activity, including to pause all pending wireless zoning and right-of-way applications and to shut down new wireless construction.

Please call for a temporary moratorium on this issue until scientific studies are done which prove that the technology is safe, and until we are able to have full public comment and discussion to explore the topic.

I have helped form a group- Tompkins County for Responsible Technology- and have circulated the following 2 petitions with hundreds of signature as of 4pm on 5/6.

<http://chng.it/YcFwKbJGhh>

<http://chng.it/FCtzjBVSjx>

I would like to see independently produced, scientific research that explicitly proves 5G safety before exposing our community to EVEN MORE EMF RADIATION leading to unknown, potentially severe risks. We've already fumbled by installing thousands of towers that ended up being undeniably dangerous to human health. Instead of moving FASTER, let us take our time with 5G, and do a little more homework before we install thousands MORE.

And if those studies prove 5G is safe- Amazing! Throw up the towers.

But what's the rush? Why don't we wait for the safety studies to be conducted? Or at least wait until after the pandemic so folks can attend the meeting in-person to voice concerns?

This is a human rights and public health issue that deserves our full discussion and participation.

Molly Donovan

City

Common Council Folks-

I am writing in to urge you to listen earnestly to these voices in our community who are diligently leading us in conversations around health and human rights. I urge you to fairly represent the voices of this community- and not to act against our concerns, to help in keeping us safe and secure. In addition to this being a public health and human rights issue, it will also turn into property value decrease,

considering this is a progressive area that attracts folks of the same vein. We must slow down and thoroughly assess all that 5G will mean for us- by researchers who are independent from the corporate industry.

Thank you,

Molly

Sujata Gibson

Ithaca

Dear Mayor & City Council Member,

We ask that you remove item 3.3 from the consent agenda tonight and impose a moratorium on “small cells” and other wireless infrastructure permits process and deployment until the COVID-19 emergency is over.

The wireless providers are using the COVID-19 emergency as cover to expand and cement their rapid and virtually unsupervised deployment of harmful wireless infrastructure. Our local leaders should not have to dedicate time and resources to policing whether the wireless companies are following local and state law, they have far more important things to do.

The FCC wireless permit rules allow emergency moratoria. Homeland Security guidelines emphasize that maintenance of existing communications capability is the priority. New construction is not “essential.”

The COVID-19 emergency has led to a government shut-down of non-essential activity. Hospitals, emergency response and local officials are overwhelmed and they must be allowed to focus on what is indeed “essential”. Now is not the time to be dedicating resources to expanding, rather than just maintaining, our networks.

The FCC has directly held a local jurisdiction can impose a temporary halt to deployment and permits during emergencies. In the Matter of Accelerating Wireline Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers, FCC 18-111, 33 FCC Rcd 7705, 7784-7785, 157 (2018) (“We recognize that there may be limited situations in the case of a natural disaster or other comparable emergency where an express or de facto moratoria that violates section 253(a) may nonetheless be necessary to protect the public safety and welfare’ or to “ensure the continued quality of telecommunications services.”)

Homeland Security has declared that local government is on the forefront and can take control over determining whether to temporarily halt all non-essential activity. Homeland Security guidance documents prioritize maintenance of existing Communications Systems, and do not support “essential” status for new construction. See Homeland Security Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency, Identifying Critical Infrastructure During COVID-19, <https://www.cisa.gov/identifying-critical-infrastructure-during-covid-19> (local control); e-Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources Support Annex, <http://www.fema.gov/pdf/emergency/nrf/nrf-support-cikr.pdf> (focus on “protection, response, recovery, and restoration”). Homeland Security, like the FCC, understands that it is essential in an emergency situations justify focusing on protecting, responding, recovering and restoring of existing systems, but new communications facilities construction is and should be deemed nonessential, and subject to lockdown for so long as we are under emergency conditions.

Cities can and should impose a moratorium on deployment in their local area and freeze the permit process until the COVID-19 emergency is over.

Please take this opportunity to focus on the pressing needs that our people and our city faces and table this until we are through this crisis and can have a real and meaningful opportunity to explore this issue as it deserves. In the meantime, it would be helpful to have a public zoom forum to let people know what has already been done in terms of small cell installation and rollout and keep us informed of any plans regarding same.

Very Truly Yours,

Sujata Sidhu Gibson, Esq.

Andrew Molnar

Ithaca

I can't believe that amidst an economic and health crisis, the Council is considering allowing 5G in our area. As a longtime Ithaca resident, I am truly horrified by the dangers of 5G, as literally thousands of studies have shown. This is why countries such as Switzerland are holding off on 5G until more research is done. I implore the Council to pause on this. This issue is so important that if you go ahead and allow this, I will do everything in my power to get everyone in favor of it voted off the council.

Sarah Regenspan

City

Hello Council Members,

I am aware that you are currently discussing a proposed financial agreement with Verizon for the expansion of the Telecomm's 4G towers, and the roll out of their new fifth generation (5G) network.

The new antennas are part of the next generation wireless network, and will be added on top of the existing 3G / 4G / 4G LTE. There is strong scientific evidence proving that exposure to EMF radiation from the existing 3G/ 4G/ 4GLTE and WIFI technology causes harmful biological impacts. There is essentially no research on the safety of 5G. This is an undeniable risk.

Furthermore, the FCC's exposure and testing limits have not been updated in decades. They were set well before the invention of smartphones, and reflect what was deemed safe 25 years ago (!)

Ithaca Common Council and the Tompkins County Legislature have the power to stop this tonight. Following the Homeland Security and the FCC orders, local authorities have emergency powers to place a moratorium on non-essential activity, including to pause all pending wireless zoning and right-of-way applications and to shut down new wireless construction.

As a resident of Ithaca and Tompkins County, I am joining fellow residents in calling for a temporary moratorium on this issue until scientific studies are done which prove that the technology is safe, and until we are able to have full public comment and discussion to explore the topic.

I would like to see independently produced, scientific research that explicitly proves 5G safety before exposing our community to even more EMF radiation leading to unknown, potentially severe health outcomes.

What's the rush? Why don't we wait for the safety studies to be conducted? Or at least wait until after the COVID-19 pandemic so that your constituents can attend the meeting in-person to voice their concerns?

This is a human rights and public health issue that deserves our full discussion and participation.

Thank you for your kind attention!

Warmest,

Sarah