

Town of Mount Royal, March 18th 2016

By electronic mail

To the members of the Standing Committee on Health

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Hon. K. Kellie Leitch
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I am writing to you as a parent of three electrohypersensitive children. I also asked other children and their parents, who share the same health condition with the same challenges, to join their voices to mine.

I would like to specify that electrohypersensitivity is a condition in which one reacts physically simply by standing in one or multiple electromagnetic fields (EMF), even if the intensity of these EMF fields is well below the limits of Safety Code 6.

Simple contact with radiation from Wi-Fi, cell phones, iPads, cell towers, household microwaves; any of these trigger an allergic reaction which eventually prevents our children from being able to perform daily activities.

We know this condition very well because we repeatedly face it every single day. Our kids suffer nose bleeds, headaches, stomach aches, insomnia, anxiety, inability to concentrate, heart problems, the list goes on.

Although this condition has not yet been recognized as a medical condition in Canada, it is recognized currently as a functional impairment in Sweden:

http://www.weepinitiative.org/LINKEDDOCS/World%20commentary/emf-hypersensitivity_recognized_in_Sweden_0906.pdf

Furthermore, the Canadian Human Rights Commission acknowledges that electrohypersensitivity is an environmental sensitivity and classifies it as a disability.

The Canadian Human Rights Act grants important rights to children who are electrohypersensitive - but unfortunately that fact was in no way taken into account when Safety Code 6 was written.

Wi-Fi is currently installed in schools throughout Canada and thereby is inflicted upon all students who attend our schools, regardless of expert opinion that between 20% and 30% of children could already suffer from the effects of electrohypersensitivity.

As well according to some experts, if no measures are taken soon to protect all students, as many as 50% of children could be at risk of developing electrohypersensitivity over time.

Today, our children are exposed daily to radiation from Wi-Fi and cell phones at school even though this makes them sick. Their only choices seem to be: attend school and be sick, or quit school.

As parents, we look on desperately as our children's health deteriorates and we have no means to help them. We see no other options proposed that respect their fundamental rights, even though their condition is recognised by the Canadian Human Rights Act.

We strongly believe that this is urgent; we must act to protect our children's health. So we ask you to recommend that the law – which includes Safety Code 6 – be modified so that this situation can be resolved immediately by the federal government.

Therefore, we ask you to do the following :

Acknowledge the emergency;

Acknowledge that based on the Canadian Human Rights Act, an electrohypersensitive child has the right to have a school environment free from radiofrequencies in order to protect their health;

Recommend that, without any delay, the government make changes in Safety Code 6 in order to allow an environment free from Wi-Fi or cell phones in each school where there is an electrohypersensitive child;

To this end, recommend that the government pass legislation to provide wired technology and forbid cell phones, iPads and iPods in each school where one or more electrohypersensitive children are present;

Recommend that the government allow parents who wish to act preventively and limit their child's exposure to microwaves to benefit from the same protective measures that will be put in place for electrohypersensitive children;

We invite you to take all other necessary measures to insure the protection of electrohypersensitive students. Their fundamental rights – to life, to health, to security, to education, and so on – are being seriously violated.

We are deeply convinced that your actions will also protect the growing number of children and teachers who begin to react to wireless technologies.

We would appreciate it if you can handle this matter urgently during your March 21, 2016 meeting, and that you keep us informed of the date when your government will be able to correct this situation.

With best regards,

(Name withheld for the sake of anonymity)