

# CITY OF GREENBELT

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Tom Wheeler, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20054

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Dear Chairman Wheeler:

Recently the City Council received a petition regarding health and safety concerns related to radiation from cell phones and other wireless devices. Organizations such as the World Health Organization and the American Academy of Pediatrics have expressed these concerns and noted potential links to cancer. The concern is even greater for young children and women who are pregnant.

In reviewing literature from health advocacy groups, there are simple steps that can be taken to reduce exposure including keeping phones away from one's body, turning them off when not in use, utilizing hands free devices, etc. Cell phone manufacturers provide safety warnings in their manuals, but this information is often located in the "fine print" of product literature.

In an effort to make these devices as safe as possible, the City encourages the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to update and adopt radiation standards that will protect children's health and safety, reflect current use patterns, and provide meaningful consumer disclosure of warnings.

Sincerely,

Emmett V. Jordan  
Mayor

cc: City Council  
The Honorable Barbara Mikulski  
The Honorable Ben Cardin  
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