

Limiting Microcells & Stopping 5G in Canada

**A Guide & Template for Writing Letters to
Editors**

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Dear CALM Colleagues,

Letters to Editors are an excellent way to build awareness and influence public opinion.

Publishing a Letter to the Editor is not a simple process. Most publication editors receive up to 300-500 letter submissions daily. You may significantly improve your chances of getting your letter published by following these guidelines.

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Letters to the Editor Guidelines

Letter Content

- Be relevant. A timely letter is more likely to be published. Respond within seven days to a particular article or news event.
- Be concrete. If you are commenting on a specific issue, state why it is important and connect it to a recent event or published article. Use relevant examples and truths that strengthen your letter's impact. Don't just spew facts, explain why this issue matters to you and to others. List specific actions the public may take. Don't try to say it all. Stick with what you care about and let your caring guide your words.
- If you are responding to a community event or issue, submit your letter to your local (community) newspaper.
- Be concise. Keep letters to less than 150 words. Before you begin, check the word limit of the publication to which you plan to submit your letter.

Letter Format

1. Send letters by e-mail and include the contents of the letter in the body of the e-mail message as plain text only. Do not use Microsoft Word format or rich text format (RTF).
2. Do not send letters as an attachment.
3. Ensure you include your name, address, and daytime phone number.

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Letters to the Editor Template

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Name of Media Outlet or Publication

Attention: Editor or Editor's Name

Address

City, Postal Code

Dear Editor or Editor's Name:

RE: **[State your reason for writing right at the beginning. If you are responding to news articles or editorials by the media, use the first sentence to reference the title or topic of the article (such as: How 5G will Change Your Life), name of the author or source (i.e, Globe and Mail), and the date the article was published.]**

- In your [DATE] article [ARTICLE TITLE], columnist [NAME OF REPORTER/COLUMNIST] states [MAIN POINT OF ARTICLE].

Or choose one of these introductory Ideas:

- The looming rollout of 5G technology will dramatically increase the number of wireless transmitters on our streets. These antennas will be sending signals to Smartphones and a host of new Internet-enabled devices, exposing all life forms to untested electromagnetic frequencies, 24/7.
- Tens of thousands of scientists, doctors, environmental organizations and citizens are calling for a halt to 5G, citing the risks it poses to planetary biological health.
- In Canada, a federal loophole allows 4G and 5G antennas to be placed on existing structures, like utility poles, right by our homes without our knowledge or consent.
- We have the right protection standards that reflect the consensus of harm found in non-industry funded research on this issue.

- The race to 5G is on, even though there has been no-pre-market testing done that proves this technology is safe. to be consulted before a cell tower is placed by our home. The federal government must require that this public consultation take place and must create radiation

[Include some facts, references, or research to establish credibility. Pick and choose from the ideas below. Keep length in mind. Less is more.]

- If we want better Internet, 5G is not the answer. Fiber wired to the premises networks will always be faster and more data secure than wireless 5G. A fiber network could accomplish essentially all the same functions as a wireless 5G network, but would do so more economically, more reliably, and more safely. It could also incorporate wireless functions (e.g., using 3G, 4G LTE, or other protocols) where needed, but would not be based on them or rely on them for its basic operation.
- In 2018, a \$25 million U.S .government study done by the National Toxicology Program determined that cell phone radiation causes cancer.
- Canada does not have a Radiation Safety Standard; we have a guideline called Safety Code 6, which was written in 1979, before the Internet even existed. This guideline has not been substantially or adequately revised since. Belgium and parts of Italy have radiation standards that are 100 times more protective than ours.
- In response to complaints from fire fighters subjected to 5G antennas, the International Association of Fire Fighters has gone on record as opposing “the use of fire stations as base stations for towers and/or antennas for the conduction of cell phone transmissions until a study with the highest scientific merit and integrity...is conducted and it is proven that such sitings are not hazardous to the health of our members.”
- 5G poses risks to all life on the planet—people, animals, insects and plants. However, Swedish researchers have concluded that “children are more susceptible to the effects of EMF exposure at microwave frequencies” and those who began using “either cordless or mobile phones regularly before age 20” have more than a fourfold increased brain tumor risk.
- Considering that young people (with their smaller body mass and developing brains) are particularly vulnerable to radiation, the Environmental Health Trust has termed 5G “the next great unknown experiment on our children” —and the entire human population.
- Scientists, doctors and experts from around the world have issued repeated warnings about 5G’s risks, drawing on published research on the millimeter waves 5G employs, as well as thousands of studies showing the harms caused by other mobile and wireless technologies.

- Organizations concerned about the health hazards of wireless radiation note: “Right now, you don’t have to live next to a cell tower....but once 5G cell antennas are everywhere, you won’t be able to move away.” Unfortunately, the “nowhere to hide” aspects of 5G are even more serious, because ground-based 5G networks are being supplemented by releasing tens of thousands of satellite-based systems into the sky.
- 5G promises to create an even denser soup of electrosmog, with incalculable biological effects. In fact, any sane person who examines the evidence must concur with the authors and over 300,000 signatories of the International Appeal to Stop 5G on Earth and in Space, who agree that the rush to blanket the planet with 5G “constitutes an experiment on humanity and the environment that is defined as a crime under international law.”

[Include a CALL TO ACTION: asking readers to follow up with some activity, such as joining in calling on policymakers to address the issue.]

1. **Educate yourself** and others on this issue, and build a movement.
2. **Tell ISED to remove the policy loophole** that exempts microcells placed on existing structures from public consultation.
3. **Call for a more protective Safety Code 6.**
4. **Boycott all 5G products and services.** Encourage others to do the same and share this intention with wireless companies. Consumers have power. If we don’t buy 5G, it won’t have a market.
5. **Promote community-owned wired-to-the-premises fiber** optics where you live. Visit connected-communities.ca to learn how.

[End with a strong, positive STATEMENT in support of your case]

- Together, we can promote responsible technology and build a healthy future for generations to come,

Sincerely,

Signature

Your Name