



December 17, 2019

The Honorable Roger Wicker
Chair, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation
555 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Wicker,

We are writing to inform you and your staff of evidence of deceptive marketing practices by cell phone manufacturers and the serious shortcomings and lack of accountability regarding our federal regulators, in particular, the U.S. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

The international NGO, PhoneGate Alert Association, as well as Environmental Health Trust and other public health organizations have documented evidence that for nearly 30 years, manufacturers have been placing cell phones on the market under deceptive testing conditions, posing a risk to the health and safety of billions of users.

This new public health scandal has a name: "PhoneGate." The FCC's decades old cell phone test method in use today allows phones to pass pre-market regulatory exposure tests despite the fact that the very same phones would NOT pass if the tests ensured phones were tested the way they are used - in positions of body contact as when in pockets or tucked into waistbands or bras.

This issue must be investigated in light of the deployment of 5G networks in the United States which will include billions of new interconnected devices in addition to 5G connected cell phones. How can we allow all of these new devices on the market when they are not pre-market tested for cell phone radiofrequency exposure compliance the way we use them - in close body contact?

The FCC is failing in its regulatory duties – Congress must take action NOW to protect public health.

In this context and in the absence of a response from the FCC, ***we are asking you to support our request for a Congressional hearing to investigate:***

- Industry's deceptive actions with respect to marketing phones that exceed federal safety guidelines.
- Obvious lack of federal regulatory oversight by FCC to ensure that phones are tested as they are being used by today's consumers – in direct contact with the body.
- Setting up major public information and prevention campaigns, particularly targeting young people and pregnant women.

Please refer to the enclosed document, "*Background and Facts Documenting PhoneGate and our Call for Congressional Action*" for additional information.

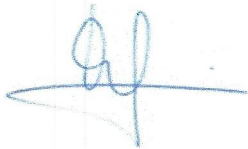
The PhoneGate Alert Association has a [scientific advisory committee](#) of researchers and scientists of international renown including Dr. Devra Davis.

Members of the PhoneGate team will be coming to the United States after the first of the year to meet with members of Congress and their staff to inform about this issue.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for additional information and any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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