

Sample letter to neighbors - after small cell installation

Dear neighbors,

Recently you may have noticed trucks in our neighborhood installing new black boxes on utility poles. These boxes contain powerful wireless transmitters being mounted in anticipation of the rollout of the next generation of wireless technology called "5G." This brings to our community several issues important to every family: safety, security, privacy, property values and health.

The placement of wireless antennas throughout our neighborhood and in close proximity to people's homes is a significant security and privacy issue. Many of us have "smart homes," which increases the possibility that our personal activities will be monitored, and data collected and marketed by industry. Also, most utility poles were not designed to withstand hundreds of pounds of additional equipment required for 5G. Severe weather events could cause the utility poles to fail, causing extensive damage to our homes and property.

Perhaps most troubling, many government leaders, scientists and medical researchers are raising questions about the long-term health impacts of exposure to the radiation from these wireless transmitters. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) wireless radiation safety exposure guidelines have not been updated in more than 20 years, and recent peer-reviewed, independent studies have confirmed what previous studies have shown: chronic low-level exposure to wireless radiation can cause serious biological problems in humans—including cancer.

National awareness of these issues may also trigger steep declines in property value for homeowners whose property is located in close proximity to these new antennas. While we all want to be connected, no one wants a home with a potential health threat in the front yard.

If you share any of these concerns, I urge you to log on to TelecomPowerGrab.org and read up on the issue of 5G in residential neighborhoods like ours.

And if possible, please plan to attend and speak up at our next Town Meeting on _____ at _____,

Sincerely,