

Dear Senate Education Committee,

I want to express my strong support for Senate Bills 281, 282 and 283 that are currently before the Senate Committee on Education. I feel strongly that this legislation is urgently needed to protect the children in our schools; it is the first efforts to safeguard an entire generation from the serious health risks from the electromagnetic radiation (EMR) emitted by wireless technology (Wifi and wireless devices).

What kind of experiment are we unwittingly conducting on our children in Oregon? Other countries have taken steps to protect their children and we need to do the same.

I live in Bend and my three children do and will attend the public schools here. In some way or another, we are all sensitive to the EMR emitted by Wifi. I experience headaches, difficulty concentrating, and extreme exhaustion while in a wifi saturated environment. My 8 year old son has trouble concentrating, can not sit still and has outbursts when in the same. Once removed from such an environment, his behavior normalizes and he can regulate himself. For us, these are only the acute symptoms from such exposures, which pale in comparison to the long term exposure that all of our children in Oregon will likely one day suffer. There is a simple solution to this that we implement at home - we place all our wireless electronics in airplane mode and only use wired connections to connect to the internet.

We are in the Bend La Pine School district where there is a least one wifi router in each classroom and a 1:1 iPad program that starts in the 3rd grade. We estimate that the Bend La Pine School District spent at least \$5M for iPads and likely much more for the supporting Wifi infrastructure. I have brought my concerns to the Superintendent, Shay Mikalson, as well as the school board. I have presented in person, I have written many letters, and medical experts have sent letters to the superintendent and school board (attached). However, the superintendent and school board refused to further discuss my concerns or implement simple solutions that would benefit all children and personnel.

Please take the time to do your own research on the peer reviewed scientific articles that elucidate the potential human health impacts of EMR exposure. Even better, please go visit our schools in Bend and you can witness for yourself the impact this is having as our educators constantly deal with behavior issues.

Thank you for your time and consideration and please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss further.

Kind Regards,

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