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Dear Mr. President:

At first, “smart”-meters may sound like a good idea. After all, these two-way communicating meters allow utilities to fire their meter readers and read your meter remotely. What’s not to like about that?

In the rush to dominate Advanced Meter Reading infrastructure, utilities have completely overlooked our health and safety. Unlike electromechanical analog meters, which use spinning dials and must be read manually and are made of metal and glass, these digital meters are made of plastic. Thousands of these meters have caught fire or exploded around the country, resulting in numerous fatalities; all fatalities that could have been prevented had the smart-meter not been installed. Numerous homes have burned to the ground, resulting in millions of dollars of property damage.

Smart-meters are also an overt violation of our Fourth Amendment rights. These meters can not only read our electricity usage, but they also know exactly what appliances are being used inside; in other words, your electric company now knows who’s in the house, what you’re watching on TV, and how many cups of coffee you had yesterday. We have lost the ability to feel safe, protected, and private inside our own homes. Utilities are collecting this data against our backs and then selling it to third-parties, spinning an even larger profit and violation our privacy to unimaginable extents.

As if this weren’t bad enough, smart-meters emit pulsed radiofrequency radiation up to thousands or tens of thousands of times per day; the same radiation that was classified in 2011 by the World Health Organization as a Class 2B carcinogen and the same radiation used by the Russians in World War II to make people inside US embassies sick. These smart-meters are being vigorously deployed by the utilities, as although these meters provide no benefit to consumers, there is much to like from the utility’s standpoint. These meters are being put on our homes without our consent, often in the middle of the night or when we aren’t home; numerous installers are even jumping fences, cutting locks, and having homeowners arrested for protecting their property. Even though there is no law that mandates these carcinogenic meters, utilities are threatening to disconnect customers who refuse these meters; customers have even been disconnected in the middle of winter – or for refusing to pay the illegal opt-out extortion fee. Even though these meters are causing headaches, heart palpitations, tinnitus, cancer, and other health implications, utilities will lie to our faces and say these meters are safe. Furthermore, these meters use a switched-mode power supply, polluting all of a home’s electrical wiring with dirty electricity, turning our homes themselves into giant antennas. We have lost the ability to feel safe and secure in our homes. Thousands have had to flee their homes and now sleep in the cars as these meters are causing them debilitating pain. These atrocities are absolutely criminal, and yet utilities continue to get away with this extortive behavior. Even though we have the right, by law, to keep our analog meters, utilities will lie and say analog meters aren’t made anymore (they are) or that these are mandated by government programs.

We have been suffering from being exposed to this toxic radiation for too long, living in unimaginable pain, abused and ridiculed by our utilities and forgotten and neglected by our government. Please stick to your promise to make America Great again and ban these atrocious “smart”-meters once and for all. We deserve to be able to live in our homes comfortable and privately without the utilities spying on us and compromising our health.

Please make America Safe Again,