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Comment:

I have been following the National Toxicology Program's research on cell phones. The apparent reversal between NTP's 2016 alarming preliminary report — announcing gliomas and Schwannomas in the test animals — and the February 2018 press conference's vague reassurances to the contrary worries me.

As I understand it, the researchers released their 2016 findings early, due to those findings' implications for public health. The researchers had discovered clear causality between the animal's radiation exposure and their cancers.

Several other independent studies have corroborated NTP's preliminary findings — most notably, the 2007 IARC Interphone Study, the 2013 Hardell Group Studies, and the 2014 CERENAT case-control study. Given these confirming reports; given that many people — especially the younger generation — have their cellphones turned on and near their body 24/7; and given that cell phones' reproductive damage, nerve damage, and mitochondrial damage might even supersede their carcinogenic potential, NTP's perplexing back-pedaling sounds suspiciously like whitewashing.

████████████████████, I urge the NTP not to succumb to the telecommunications industry's pressure, when everyone's health might hang in the balance. We should not gloss over these potential health implications for a generation, the way that we did with cigarettes. Despite our growing dependence on cell phones, despite their convenience, and despite their profitability, we should not hide our heads in the sand regarding their health threat.

Thank you,

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