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## STATEMENT

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Given the growing evidence of the health effects of radiation from cellphones and cell towers, I believe the wireless industry is going to have to start competing on safety.

With the proliferation of online advice and consultants helping people reduce their exposures, the concern about the safety of cellphones and other wireless devices has moved into the mainstream.

We will undoubtedly hear from many in the industry that a move toward safer cellphones and other wireless devices will be too costly and unnecessary. But carmakers said the same thing when the public demanded safer cars and the government required them. Today, those same carmakers compete on safety.

It is especially important to understand that companies and consumers do not have to wait for the government to do anything for this to happen. This competition on safety can move forward without a change in the current government standards. Ultimately, I believe governments around the world will be playing catch-up with industry and consumers.

There is already at least one brand of wireless router designed specifically to reduce exposures. I expect more and more products including cellphones that reduce wireless radiation exposure to come onto the market in the months and years ahead.

We will certainly hear from cellphone manufacturers that cellphones already comply with government standards. Or that some expert who is NOT an employee says cellphones are safe.

What we won't hear ever is a spokesperson for a cellphone manufacturer stand up and say in front of a bank of microphones or put into writing for public release the following:

“My company guarantees that radiation emitted by our cellphones is safe and will not harm users.”

They won't say it because they know better and because their lawyers have told them never to claim publicly that their cellphones are safe. The companies let others do that for them.

If anyone knows of a company that has made a statement to this effect, please contact me. I want to make sure that everyone knows about this claim.

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