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Please distribute to the Committee members.
Thank you.

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To the Maine Joint Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology:

I am writing to ask you to support LD 1013, An Act to Support a Children's Wireless Protection Act, which would require a warning label on cell phones and help parents and children and the general public) be more aware of the dangers of holding cell phones too close for too long.

We are largely informed in our daily behavior largely by advertising, peer pressure and social example, the very real warnings about cell phone use being hidden away in the small print of the instruction manual. The public tends to believe that technology is adequately regulated for public safety by the federal government, not realizing that industry is largely self regulated and products not carefully vetted before marketing. We now are so dependent on cell phones and wireless technology that we would rather not know about the risks of over use.

Children are particularly vulnerable to exposure to cell phone radiation, as their bodies and brains are growing fast. All of us hold them too close to the ear (read the manual warnings!) where there is no bone protection for the brain, only a direct open vulnerable channel in. (A shocking practice among teenage girls has been a fashion to keep a cell phone in their bras, which exposes the sensitive breast tissue when the cell phone is left on. Carrying a turned on cell phone in the pants pocket has a similar effect on adjacent parts of the body.)

We need a warning label for cell phones, to educate and draw attention to these dangers. Please support LD 1013.
Thank you.
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