

## EMAIL ASKING FOR SUPPORT OF OUR OPEN LETTER

Dear Supporter,

We need your help! Whatcom Citizens for Responsible Technology\* has delivered to Mayor Fleetwood and the Bellingham City Council an open letter requesting movement on our concerns about 4G/5G small cell antennas implementation in our city. To impress upon them that there is widespread support for this position, **we are asking you to read our letter (see link below), send an email of support (see the examples below) and then forward this request to others you know.**

You are welcome to use any of the suggested email examples, modify one or create your own. For greatest impact, please send your support email to both the mayor and to the city council TODAY!

Our Open Letter: <https://wa4safetech.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/5G-Letter-to-CoB-June-2020.pdf>

Addressees (simply copy and paste the following into the email address block):  
**mayorsoffice@cob.org, hestone@cob.org, dchammill@cob.org, laanderson@cob.org, hahuthman@cob.org, gknutson@cob.org, ptmvargas@cob.org, mlilliquist@cob.org**

For the email Subject, we suggest using **"Stop small cell wireless technology in Bellingham"**.

Thank you,

Whatcom Citizens for Responsible Technology  
(\*A task force of citizens supporting healthy, science-based and effective fiber optic technologies)

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### Email example #1 (health concerns):

Dear Mayor Fleetwood and City Council members,

As a resident of Bellingham, I am deeply concerned about the push to increase wireless microwave infrastructure in our city. I am aware of thousands of studies showing potential harmful health effects of wireless microwave technology. My family

has taken steps to reduce our exposure at home and in our daily lives. Now with the installation of hundreds if not thousands of small cell and micro cell antennas in our city for 4G and eventually 5G, we cannot avoid exposure to a technology for which safety has not been proven.

I support the Whatcom Citizens for Responsible Technology open letter you have received. I strongly urge you to protect our city while we still can. Communities all around the world are stepping back from this technology by practicing the precautionary principle. Let's join them.

[Your name]  
[Your address]

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### **Email example #2 (climate change concerns):**

Dear Mayor Fleetwood and City Council members,

I am a resident of Bellingham and very active in environmental activism. I was thrilled to read the Climate Action Task Force Final Report. I saw that my community is serious about tackling climate change. However, this push to implement 4G/5G small cell wireless microwave technology conflicts with a major aspect of that report, namely that any effective plan MUST include a significant reduction in energy use. That is not going to happen when installing thousands of new transmitters each with its own power requirement.

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### **Email example #3 (environmental concerns):**

Dear Mayor Fleetwood and City Council members,

As an environmental activist I am deeply troubled by the apparent disregard for our community by the city's support for the installation of small/micro cell wireless microwave transmitters. Do you realize studies have shown that wireless microwave frequencies harm bees, birds, trees and other wildlife ? And I learn that the upcoming 5G frequencies do not work well among buildings and trees. In a city where residents overwhelmingly support Greenways initiatives, are we to cut down trees so someone can download a movie in 10 seconds instead of 10 minutes? Wouldn't having wired fiber optic connections to every household and business be a better long term solution

for us and our environment?

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**Email example #4 (reliability concerns):**

Dear Mayor Fleetwood and City Council members,

As a resident of Bellingham, I am deeply troubled by the state of broadband in our city (and county) when there is a reliable, secure, and fast alternative in fiber optic technology. Wireless technology has its limits and must be constantly upgraded to handle more traffic. Why can't our community invest in fiber to the premises so everyone can benefit without the known risks (health, security, reliability) of wireless? Wouldn't this be a better solution to lack of access to broadband?

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**Email example #5 (liability concerns):**

Dear Mayor Fleetwood and City Council members,

Do you realize that insurance companies regularly refuse to cover harm by electromagnetic fields like those from wireless microwave technology without special high risk policies? With the push for small cell/micro wireless towers in Bellingham, I am deeply concerned that the city does not have adequate liability coverage for allowing our population to be exposed to such microwave radiation. Wouldn't having wired fiber optic connections to every household and business be a better long term solution without the liability risks?

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