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Dear Mayor Patrick Slayter, Sebastopol city council members and staff,

Please step up and do the right thing like our city council did in 2013. Protect our populace, children, elders, the immunocompromised, Everyone!!

I know several of you were instrumental in that crucial pushback against smartmeters, from which we still reap the benefits. Please keep the current water meters, with an OPT-IN to a non-transmitting digital meter for people who want more detailed water usage data.

Why not create an **OPT-IN policy**? Let's face it, a pay-to-opt-out policy is punitive and discriminatory. Plus it ignores Sebastopol's General Plan that calls for community wide opt out of smart meters: (reference: **"Action CHW 4h: Support efforts to approach and encourage the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to allow the City to opt out of public utility wireless data transmission systems (such as smart meters)."**)

- Sebastopol banned smart meters in 2013, for "matters of public health, safety and consumer protection..."
- Sebastopol's Telecommunications Ordinance 1123 requires public notice and a planning commission review.
- Sebastopol's General Plan Community Health and Wellness Goals are to minimize unsafe EMF's.
- the Zero Waste Sonoma purchasing policy calls for purchasing products that minimize environmental impacts, toxins, pollution and hazards to worker and community safety, as well as to purchase durable and long lasting products. (If a smart water meter battery fails, the whole unit has to be replaced.)

Numerous published studies show EMF radiation threatens human and animal health, causing a wide array of health impacts:
Adding 3000 smart water meters would increase EMF radiation in Sebastopol and would lead to deleterious health effects.

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Thank you for your attention to this crucial matter. I appreciate your service.
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