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Dear Senator Speier:

I am writing to you to request that you take immediate steps to put an end to the proliferation of cell phone towers in San Francisco.

The cellular telephone industry is obsessed with coverage and reception in total disregard of the potential health effects to the public. The FCC position on the issue is repugnant, though no surprise in the face of what is predominantly cell phone industry financed research.

The San Francisco Planning Commission is about to approve a proposal by Sprint/Nextel Communications to allow a 60' high tower in the heart of the Sunset near the corner of Quintara and 28th Avenue. It is my understanding that the Planning Commission is not going to give the health concerns of residents any weight on the basis that it may not regulate on issues for which the Federal Government has already issued guidelines – this is nonsense. While the NRA is apparently challenging it, San Francisco voters were allowed to vote on the issue of whether to ban the possession of handguns within the City's borders when it was already addressed by the United States Constitution. Apparently the cell phone industry managed to get through the back door, preventing challenges on the basis of health concerns, offering financial revenue as an incentive to landowners (governmental included) to build towers where they want them. What about the residents? Where is our voice in this equation?

Please do everything within your power to put a moratorium on the construction of cell phone towers in San Francisco, starting with the one planned at the Sunset Reservoir.

Thank you very much.