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Ms. Anne Pramaggiore
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Dear Ms. Pramaggiore,

On Monday, June 27, the Burr Ridge Village Board unanimously adopted a Resolution encouraging Commonwealth Edison to allow residents the option to permanently opt out of the Smart Meter Installation Program (see attached). As I am sure you are aware, in 2011, the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer declared the RF radiation emitted by cell phones as a possible carcinogen. In addition, a study conducted by the U.S. National Toxicology Program (NTP), a Federal interagency group under the National Institute of Health, has linked RF radiation to rare forms of cancer in rats. Findings in this report presented some of the strongest evidence to-date that exposure to RF radiation is "associated with the formation of rare cancers in at least two cell types in the brains and hearts of rats." Although we can agree that more study and research on the health effects of RF radiation is needed, there are many concerned residents who have been alarmed by this and other studies and would like to reduce as much as possible the amount of RF radiation that may impact themselves and their children in their daily lives.

It is clear that, in today's society, the use of RF technology is pervasive and various levels of RF radiation emanate from several sources throughout every household in America, coming from cell phones, wireless phones, microwaves, Wi-Fi modems, laptop computers, baby monitors, etc. Our objective is not to demonize Smart Meters or to insinuate that Smart Meters are somehow worse for a person's health compared to any other device. What we are saying is that the one big difference between Smart Meters and all other RF radiation emitting devices is that people have a choice as to whether or not to own an RF device. People who own homes within the ComEd service area do not have a permanent choice whether or not to

accept a Smart Meter, but can only postpone the installation until the installation process has been completed service area wide, after which time, ComEd currently has the authority under the law to install a Smart Meter on their property. This lack of choice regarding their own property creates a problem for many of our residents.

It is the position of the Village Board of the Village of Burr Ridge that ComEd can correct this problem by rethinking its position regarding the Smart Meter opt out process and to seek legislation and/or regulatory changes that will allow concerned customers to permanently opt out of the Smart Meter Program.

We look forward to your positive response to our request. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (630) 654-8181, ext. 2000, or via email at sstricker@burr-ridge.gov.

Very truly yours,



Steve Stricker
Village Administrator

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