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Dear Senator:

We urge you to reject the nomination of Thomas Wheeler to head the Federal Communications Commission.

For decades, Mr. Wheeler has lobbied for, promoted, and financially gained from the wireless telecommunications industry. He has deep financial conflicts of interest that will work against any reasonable expectation of public protection and safety. His support of media consolidation is a competition-killer. His support of wireless broadband and the widest possible roll out of wireless technologies has already put national security and public health at risk. In addition this support of wireless as compared to wired technology has made the nation more vulnerable to terrorist disruption of communication.

Mr. Wheeler should not be in charge of the nation's safety standards and deployment for a technology he promotes without regard to public health and safety, the integrity of the national electric grid or homeland security.

The FCC has recently announced a review of radiofrequency health and safety limits. This process must not be carried out under a new chairman who has shown antipathy toward public safety, and who puts industry economic considerations ahead of the protection of children and pregnant women.

The undersigned members of the BioInitiative Working Group are expert researchers, medical doctors and public health experts. We collectively have published hundreds of independently researched scientific papers on biological effects and adverse health impacts of electromagnetic fields and wireless radiofrequency radiation. It is clear that a new view is needed at the FCC, one which acknowledges the emerging health consequences of wireless technologies while promoting a communications infrastructure that does not pose threats to human health.



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Wheeler could not be a worse pick to carry this important work forward, and we urge you to vote against his confirmation for this position.

Thank you for your consideration. You may contact any of us for further information, which is available from Cindy Sage, Co-Editor at (805) 969-0557 or David O. Carpenter, MD, Co-Editor, BioInitiative 2012 Report at (518) 525-2660.

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