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Health Canada's April fool's day joke: Safety Code 6 report fails Canadians and C4ST is not laughing

Ottawa, Ontario: Canadians for Safe Technology (C4ST) is disappointed with the results of the year-long Royal Society of Canada (RSC) review of the 1979 Health Canada wireless radiation regulation, Safety Code 6.

At the request of Health Canada, the RSC assembled a panel to conduct a review of Safety Code 6 and the potential health risks of radiofrequency fields from wireless telecommunication devices. Despite increases in technology use and resulting exposure to wireless radiation, the panel chose to side with the powerful wireless industry and ignore domestic and worldwide published peer reviewed science warnings of related health risks.

"This RSC review is an expensive exercise that was corrupted by industry and so is a waste of taxpayer dollars. The original panel chair was forced to resign due to his previously un-disclosed industry conflict, but despite that, the panel contrived to ignore important medical and scientific data," said Frank Clegg, CEO, C4ST, "Without full disclosure of all panel member conflicts, this report's findings are questionable at best. Rather than providing value to Health Canada, RSC's rubber stamp leaves Canadians exposed to unprecedented risk."

Safety Code 6, first written in 1979, is the de facto guideline for Wi-Fi safety in schools, radiation from smart meters, cell tower antennae, smart and portable phones, baby monitors, wireless personal tracking devices, game consoles and other personal wireless devices.

China, Russia, Italy and Switzerland have guidelines 100 times safer than SC6. Canadians deserve safety guidelines that keep up with technology.

C4ST is a national not-for-profit, volunteer-based coalition of parents, citizens and experts. C4ST's mission is to educate Canadians and their policy makers about the dangers of exposure to unsafe levels of wireless radiation from technology. C4ST works with all levels of government to create healthier communities for children and families from coast to coast.

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