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The conclusions are indistinguishable from the industry mantra that says proof beyond any doubt is required about wireless health risks before taking precautions.

It is reckless to require 'clear evidence' of harm as a precondition for taking reasonable actions for prevention. Installing millions of RF transmitters in peoples' homes when we already have substantial scientific evidence about the risks of chronic, low-level RF is a risk not worth taking. Especially without any discussion, or disclosure to the public about trade-offs made without their knowledge or consent.

What CCST should have done was to advise the Legislature to press industry and the CPUC for very detailed computer modeling to prove RF levels comply (or do not comply) with FCC standards in the manner they are being installed and operated. And to look at what low-level RF exposures might pose as a health risk, given the millions of people who care deeply about this because 'they are the experiment'.

It is better for the CPUC and government agencies to make mid-course corrections now, than to go forward with inadequate information.

Our report identified possible FCC violations in the manner that many meters are installed and operated. CCST had no new data from industry or any other independent expert groups to evaluate, so why issue an "all-clear"?

Comparing wireless meters to other wireless devices that are voluntary, and which many people choose not to use is not a fair comparison to government-mandated meters that expose people in their homes 24 hours a day. Particularly when these devices are already reported to double the risk of malignant brain cancers in half the time it takes for low-dose ionizing radiation to do so in humans.

The costs for having guessed wrong is likely to have enormous economic and public health consequences for Californians for decades to come.

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