

Testimony from Susan Labin on 14-22 Delivered to Montgomery County Council July 12,2022.

Hello to Council Members and President. Thank you for the opportunity to speak today. I presume that we all agree on the goal of this bill 14-22: to reduce crime. I'm here to ask for an amendment to this bill so that any taxpayer money, funding, vouchers, or rebates can only be used on cameras that do not emit radiofrequency radiation

When this council was considering ZTA 19-07, some members of the Council felt uncomfortable talking about effects of radiofrequency radiation because of a provision in the federal telecom act. This bill 14-22 is not subject to this provision in the telecom act and the Council should not feel constrained to discuss the considerable scientific evidence on the effects of radiofrequency radiation.

As some of you are aware, the US Court of Appeals for the DC circuit ruled in August 2021 that the FCC has not considered the body of evidence available in the past 25 years, and that no expert agency has done so either. Not the FDA, not the CDC, not NIH, and not EPA, despite some members of this council asserting otherwise.

Some government agencies have posted FAQs on their website talking about safety, but the court specifically ruled that the FCC could not rely on these websites because there was no recent scientific report supporting such statements, and that FCC's reliance on these webpages is a violation of the Administrative Procedures act. if a federal appeals court says that it is illegal for the FCC to rely on these websites, then why do members of the Council believe the county can rely on these websites?

The Council should not be using taxpayer dollars to purchase devices that have harmful impacts on health and the environment. This bill should be amended so that taxpayer dollars are only used to purchase cameras that do not emit radiofrequency. In the rush to solve one public safety problem, the Council should not create a new another problem.

Thank you

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