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REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT TO STUDY AVAILABLE LITERATURE AND REPORTS ON THE EFFECTS OF CELL PHONE RADIATION ON HUMAN HEALTH.

WHEREAS, the constitution of New Mexico provides that "The protection of the state's beautiful and healthful environment is hereby declared to be of fundamental importance to the public interest, health, safety and the general welfare"; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that the radiation emitted from cell phone towers is, even at low levels, dangerous to human health; and

WHEREAS, other studies, including those relied upon by the federal communications commission, state that the current levels are safe; and

WHEREAS, conflicting studies give rise to legitimate

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1 doubts in the minds of members of the general public as to the
2 safety of the use of cell phones and the equipment needed for
3 cell phones to function; and

4 WHEREAS, opponents of the cell phone industry and those
5 who disagree with the federal communications commission
6 question the scientific methods and sources of funding that
7 have been used to support the claims that the current radiation
8 levels are safe; and

9 WHEREAS, the primary responsibility of the federal
10 communications commission is to regulate interstate and
11 international communications by radio, wire, satellite and
12 cable; it does not have expertise in health or public health
13 issues; and

14 WHEREAS, basic principles of public health include the
15 application of multi-professional skills to maintain and
16 improve the state of well-being of communities; and

17 WHEREAS, residents of New Mexico have expressed concern
18 regarding how radiation emitted from cell phone towers may have
19 effects on the health and well-being of their families and
20 communities; and

21 WHEREAS, residents of New Mexico have also expressed
22 concern regarding how the placement of cell phone towers may
23 disrupt emergency and law enforcement communications, and
24 whether cell phone towers negatively affect the value of their
25 property; and

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