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Cell Phones and Brain Tumors

Tonight's broadcast will feature the subject of cell phone warning labels to alert the public about the potential for brain tumors from exposure to the radiofrequency radiation that cell phones emit in order to operate. Check your local listings for the correct time in your geographic area.

Maine State Representative Andrea Boland, who initiated a bill in the Maine Legislature to require warning labels on all cell phones sold in Maine, has been interviewed for this CBS Evening News Report. Cancer epidemiologist Devra Davis PhD, who gave expert testimony at the March 2, 2010 hearing on this bill before the Health and Human Services Committees of the Maine House and Senate, was interviewed for this report as well. Dr. Davis gave expert testimony on cell phones and brain tumors at the September 2009 hearing before the US Senate Appropriations Committee's Subcommittee on Health and Human Services.

Also interviewed for tonight's CBS Evening News report is brain tumor survivor Alan Marks. His wife, Ellen Marks, testified in September 2008 in Washington DC at the request of Congressman Dennis Kucinich before the subcommittee he chairs, the Subcommittee on Domestic Policy of the U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Both Mr. and Mrs. Marks testified at the March 2nd hearing at the Maine Legislature.

Comment from Mrs. Marks:

Thankfully we have had a lot of honest, excellent media coverage over the past couple of years. Hopefully the same will be true this Thursday night. I do believe industry is getting nervous and if they sent their best to represent them in Maine they are in trouble. When asked by Maine legislators they could not answer why their own cell phone users manuals say that in order to meet FCC guidelines the phone MUST be held away from the head and body. The industry reps said they would "get back to them" about that. We did hear industry was threatening a lawsuit if the warning label passes.

Please do not forget - my husband Alan averaged 1.2 hours a day on his phone. That is not a lot. That coupled with more than 10 years of use equates to serious health risks. Alan's doctor has told us they are seeing more and more brain tumors and they know it is from cell phones.

Please be safe, not sorry.

Ellie Marks

Please take the time to send an e-mail to CBS News and other media outlets to voice your support for the “Campaign for Safer Cell Phones.”

The cell phone industry's own studies show that the cell signal is absorbed deeply into the brains of children, and up to 2 inches into an adult skull. Most cell phone manuals, which are seldom read, recommend keeping the phone an inch from the ear and not directly against the body.

The media has the responsibility to educate consumers on this major public health issue so that they can make informed choices about how they and their children use wireless devices.

It is estimated that there are over 276 million cell phones users in the United States and over 4 billion worldwide.

See briefing book at:

www.environmentalhealthtrust.org/sites/test1.nbcomp.com/files/BriefingBookA_Edition0_1_Mar08N.pdf

See news reports on the March 2, 2010 Maine Legislative Hearing at:

www.emrpolicy.org

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