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Dear Dr. Rys,

The BioInitiative Working Group extends its congratulations on your recent successful EMF Workshop in Brussels February 11 and 12th. We are gratified that two of our BioInitiative Working Group members, Dr. Kundi and Mr. Gee were invited to present short talks. Thank you for this opportunity.

In reviewing the recent European Parliament EMF Resolution that was adopted April 2nd, it has come to our attention that one amendment added near the end of the process has designated SCENIHR to be the scientific review body that will decide when sufficient evidence exists to recommend new precautionary action. We support this action with the following caveat.

We urge you to recommend that the SCENIHR committee examine the evidence from the standpoint of the “possibility of risk from chronic exposure to low-intensity EMF.” This is in line with their original charge. The cover of their 2006 Report says “Possible Health Effects” but it is clear the question they eventually answered is “is there causal evidence?” We note with dismay that their 2009 re-review now says only “Health Effects of Exposure to EMF.” This shift has profound consequence for the review process, and the answer to the question.

This is not trivial word-play – but a fundamental issue that in large part determines whether and when the SCENIHR is enabled to conclude that new action is warranted for protection of the public from potential health risks.

We hope that you to will discuss this matter both with staff under your direction, and with the SCENIHR committee.
Thank you for your attention to this matter. We are available and willing to provide your office with any further assistance you may require.

Best personal regards,

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