

The OTARD rule is an obscure FCC rule for private satellite reception devices. Now the wireless industry is using it for their own purposes.

We think the FCC is vastly exceeding its authority in making fundamental changes to the OTARD rule. What Congress originally intended as a way for Americans to get cable TV signals and internet is now being used by wireless companies as a quick and dirty way to get their 5G antennas into communities and neighborhoods where people do not want them.

It pits neighbor against neighbor, eliminates local decision-making, and will result in the exposure of millions of Americans to constant, involuntary low level RF microwave radiation at close proximity.

The FCC has no business putting the safety, health, privacy and property values of Americans at risk for the benefit of private, for-profit companies. This has to stop!

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## The story of...

O.T.A.R.D.

Once upon a time, the wireless industry began to deploy hundreds of thousands of 5G-ready antennas in neighborhoods so they could beam internet signals into people's homes, compete with cable companies and make lots of money.



But it turned out people didn't want those potentially cancer-causing antennas right outside their bedroom windows. This was a problem for the wireless companies. *What could be done?*



One day the wireless companies discovered an obscure FCC rule about personal satellite dishes for home use. It was called the OTARD rule.

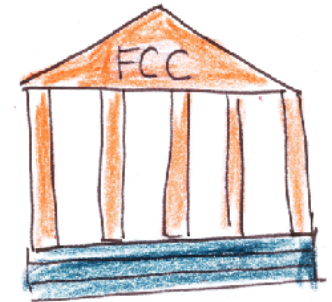


“Hey,” said the wireless companies. What if that rule applied to our 5G antennas? We could offer free service to anyone who lets us put a 5G antenna on their roof, and no local authorities could stop us! Let’s go ask the FCC to allow it!”



The “OTARD” rule, (OTARD stands for “Over The Air Reception Device”) says that anyone can put an antenna or dish on their property to send and receive signals for their own use, and no one can stop them.

So they did. And now the compliant FCC has **changed the OTARD rule** to allow wireless companies to install their “hub” antennas on private homes, to allow consumers to “help bring wireless broadband to their communities.”



The FCC has already eliminated most local control over the placement of 5G antennas, much to the frustration of local officials and against the advice of medical and public health professionals and scientists around the world. Now the agency has changed the OTARD rule to eliminate any local input whatsoever. Will you help us stop this outrageous power grab?