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**COALITION DEMANDS HALT TO SPACEX SATELLITE PROGRAM, RADIATION THREAT CITED  
Protest Planned for March 19 at SpaceX Headquarters**

HAWTHORNE, CA, March 8th, 2021 – Safe-technology advocates, environmentalists and astronomers from around California and beyond will converge on SpaceX headquarters to protest the company’s planned deployment of 42,000 low-orbit satellites and are asking for the immediate cessation of their satellite program.

The satellites, using 5G technology, would introduce microwave radiation around the world including mid-ocean, Antarctica, and all wildlife preserves and protected natural areas. Other companies such as One Web and Amazon have plans to launch up to 40,000 additional satellites.

Oponents say the environmental and health impacts of the satellites will far outweigh any potential benefits. With a planned lifespan of only 5 years, 8,400 satellites will be built, launched, deorbited and burned up each year from SpaceX alone. This will add to ozone depletion, space debris and collisions, the conversion of deorbited satellites to toxic dust and smoke as they burn up in the atmosphere, and the proliferation of spaceports on pristine land and ground and water pollution around them.

Of particular concern is the global increase in microwave radiation from the satellites, ground stations, and millions of “user terminals”, which are, in effect, cell antennas all over the planet, one for each subscriber.

“We are literally guinea pigs for this technological experiment about which we have not been consulted, nor have we given our consent,” said David Goldberg, an event organizer. “This is the same technology used in the microwave attacks on diplomats, currently under federal investigation. Safer and more energy-efficient wired technologies are available and should be implemented, instead of thousands of satellites and millions of cell antennas that will increase wireless radiation and harm the environment.”

Participating organizations, including Environmental Health Trust, Children’s Health Defense, and Americans for Responsible Technology have composed an [Open Letter to Elon Musk and SpaceX](#), urging Musk to sit down with scientists, astronomers and all stakeholders to begin an open discussion of the dangers of satellite programs. The letter is currently gathering signatures worldwide and to be hand-delivered to SpaceX headquarters by a group of children at the rally.

Participants are being asked to please abide by all California COVID-19 public health laws and mandates. <https://bit.ly/3e1n13c>. For more information <http://bit.ly/3uGFJDb>.

*Visuals include people holding signs gathered outside SpaceX headquarters, children delivering a letter to Elon Musk/SpaceX opposing plans for satellite networks, and speakers addressing a crowd.*

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