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Commentary

The authors have provided the most comprehensive study and analysis to date of this topic, which, until the last year or so, has remained controversial—most studies denying a relation between cell phone use and a risk of brain tumor development. The sentinel work of Hardell et al (noted well in this article) has now alerted the medical community, and the warning in lay publication by Khurana [1] has brought

attention of the problem to the lay as well as the medical community. As the authors suggest, further detailed analysis of what wattages and electromagnetic fields are dangerous and need adjustment to the regulation of acceptable wattages will undoubtedly necessitate access to data from the records of cell phone companies. In the United States, such access will undoubtedly require some form of legislative action on the part of the Federal and perhaps state legislatures. In order to facilitate further research on this most important issue, a concerted effort on the part of our scholarly societies—the AANS and the CNS—to petition legislators for appropriate action is necessary. Dennis Kucinich, US Congressman of

Ohio, has held hearings on this topic, but thus far, no action has taken place as a consequence. It is time for action by the neurosurgical community.

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