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Massachusetts State House  
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Dear Members of the Massachusetts Legislature,

The Lee Select Board writes to urge the Legislature to reduce or eliminate recurring monthly fees to residents who choose not to install a smart meter electric utilities from utility companies including Eversource.

Residents of Lee have raised ongoing concerns about smart meters, particularly regarding potential health effects associated with radiofrequency emissions, as well as reports of electrical malfunctions and fires linked to meter installations in other communities. While these concerns continue to be debated, many residents feel strongly that they should not be financially penalized for making a personal choice they believe protects their health, safety, and property.

The current monthly opt-out fee places a disproportionate burden on ratepayers who are already contributing to the electric system and who simply wish to retain a traditional analog meter. For some households (especially seniors, low-income residents, and those with medical concern) this recurring charge creates an inequitable and coercive situation.

We respectfully ask the Legislature to review this policy and take action to ensure that residents are not charged ongoing fees for declining smart meters, particularly while questions about long-term health and safety impacts remain unresolved. Preserving consumer choice without financial penalty is an important matter of fairness and public trust.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued service to the residents of the Commonwealth. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this issue further.

Sincerely,

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Chair of Select Board

Bob Jones  
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