

# Take Action: Virginia Families Forced to Choose Between Smart Meters or No Power At All

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More than half a dozen families in Virginia — many with children and elderly family members — have been without power since Nov. 9. Despite the freezing temperatures and with little to no warning, Dominion Energy Virginia showed up at their homes with police and shut off their power because they refused to have “smart” meters installed in their homes.

Watch [The People's Testaments](#) with [CHD.TV](#) host Stephanie Locricchio as she deep dives into the challenges Virginia residents face with smart meters.

[Children's Health Defense](#) today launched a [targeted action campaign](#) to urge Virginian legislators and Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin to enact legislation that protects [consumer choice and consent](#) and recognizes the host of [health issues](#) that can result from radiofrequency (RF) radiation.

Virginia is one of two states that do not allow residents to opt out of smart meter installation.

On the Dec. 6 episode of [The People's Testaments](#), Locricchio interviewed three Virginians:

- **Aeron Mack**, who has multiple health conditions that became worse from RF radiation, explained that after Dominion Energy “upgraded” her house with a smart meter — without her knowledge or consent — she had it replaced with an analog by a trained professional. As a result, Dominion Energy cut off her power.

“I had just gotten home and was recovering from minor cancer surgery when Dominion showed up to cut off my power,” Mack said. “I called the police to help me and instead of checking on my welfare, they stood laughing with the Dominion technicians while I cried and was forced to choose between a smart meter and no power.”

- **Milton Williams**, a former subcontractor with Dominion Energy, was fired for speaking out against smart meters once he learned how dangerous they can be.

Williams now runs an organization called L.O.S.E. (Life Over Smart Energy), which “raises awareness and empowers people to take back their health, safety and privacy from the smart grid industry.” He asked Virginia citizens to forgive him for installing thousands of smart meters and said he now regrets it.

- **Jenny DeMarco** is the communications director for [Virginians for Safe Technology](#), a grassroots organization formed “to educate, inform, and advocate for Virginians on the 5G+ rollout and regulating the technologies we’re all using and exposed to every day.”

DeMarco discussed why smart meters do not benefit consumers and are dangerous for privacy and health. She also explained how to know if there is a smart meter on your residence and stressed the importance of knowing if your state has an opt-out option.

[Take action](#) to help the people in Virginia.

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