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Bay Bridge Lights

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Hi Mark,

Ben Davis here with the arts nonprofit Illuminate. I've read through your email and visited your website. If I understand correctly, you claim *all* LED lights emit dangerous radiation. That means that every car on the road, every modern street light, nearly every lightbulb sold in stores across America, the lighting in every office building, the light emitted by every television screen and smartphone, every electronic billboard and lighted sign, and the display panel of every electronic device in our lives create the same discriminatory barrier and the same public and environmental health threats that you claim the low-wattage monochromatic LEDs that comprise the artwork on The Bay Lights would create.

As I am sure you know, this claim is so expansive that it is unactionable. If you want to stop the sale and public use of all LEDs, I would suggest you continue making your case at the federal level. It appears you are already engaging the FDA on the topic. Illuminate would undoubtedly comply if you successfully enact a national ban on LEDs. Until then, it's difficult to understand how to meaningfully respond to your request other than to wish you luck on your broader quest.

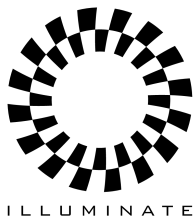
To be clear, I don't speak for any agencies or anyone other than Illuminate.

I don't wish to appear insensitive to your concerns. I'd be happy to meet if you'd like to discuss the topic further.

Best,
Ben

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**Ben Davis**

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