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To Whom it May Concern.

The White Bear Area Neighborhood Concerned Citizens Group (NCCG) supports SF4600 to lower acceptable blood lead levels for workers.

In the course of working on compliance issues with Water Gremlin in White Bear Township over the past several years, one of the issues that came up was take home lead from workers leaving the facility that resulted in lead poisoning for their Children. Water Gremlin is a manufacturer of lead battery terminals and lead sinkers.

What is notable in that case is that the blood levels of employees were almost all within the current acceptable range. Current law allows employees to be exposed to higher levels of lead than an average person. These lead levels should be reduced and lowered to be protective of human health.

According to the World Health organization: The neurological and behavioral effects of lead are believed to be irreversible. There is no known safe blood lead concentration.

Acceptable lead levels for employees should be lowered based on the current data that is available to keep our workers safe at work. I support SF4600.

Regards,

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