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Legislators,

Thank you for considering this important legislation that would help protect Minnesota renters by requiring landlords to test and disclose radon levels to tenants prior to lease execution and to mitigate dangerous radon levels. This legislation will mirror the Minnesota Radon Awareness Act, which currently requires home sellers to warn potential buyers about radon and disclose whether a property has been tested for radon with the results of those tests along with details of any mitigation efforts.

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer among Minnesotans and indoor pollution especially radon is a very significant contributor. By requiring landlords to disclose information about radon levels in their units and mandating mitigation when required, tenants and prospective tenants will have the information they need to make healthy housing decisions.

This legislation is an important step improving the health of our state. A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation fights lung cancer by funding innovative US research, educating the public about lung cancer facts, risk, and causes, and supporting patients and families who have been hurt by lung cancer. We work with many never-smoker, stage 4 lung cancer patients who found radon in their homes after their diagnosis. This bill will go a long way in helping us achieve our vision of improving the 21% survival rate of lung cancer. Prevention is so important.

On behalf of our staff and board of directors, we ask that you consider authorizing or supporting this legislation on behalf of your constituents. Please feel free to call me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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