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**From:** Adeliz Rodriguez <greeneyedeli2000@yahoo.com>  
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**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Fwd: Support for Governor McKee's Proposed Amendment to the New Lead Law and Registry (H7225, Article 3, Section 17)

Dear Representatives,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my support for Governor McKee's recently submitted 2025 budget proposal, specifically regarding the positive amendment to the new lead law and registry (H7225, Article 3, Section 17).

As you may know, the new lead law and registry, passed in 2023 and set to go into effect this year, have raised concerns among landlords and property owners due to its broad application to all dwelling units. Governor McKee's proposed amendment addresses these concerns by making the following changes:

The rental registry would only apply to homes built prior to 1978, not all dwelling units.

The implementation date is pushed out a year to September 1, 2025.

The rental registry only applies to landlords/property owners who have not provided the Department of Health with a valid certificate of conformance.

The database will include the names of the individual landlords or business entities responsible for executing a lease agreement, the property address, and any property manager, management company, or agent for service of process. Phone numbers and email addresses would no longer be required under this amendment.

These changes are a step in the right direction towards ensuring the effectiveness and fairness of the new lead law and registry. I believe they strike a balance between protecting tenants from lead hazards and easing the burden on landlords and property owners.

I urge you to support Governor McKee's proposed amendment to the new lead law and registry (H7225, Article 3, Section 17) when it comes up for consideration this Thursday. Your support will help ensure that Rhode Island's housing regulations are both protective and practical.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your support on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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