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Dear Committee Clerk DiMezza,

I have done everything to my home to get ready for lead certificate. 8k for new aluminum trims to wrap old neglected paint from the previous owner, new windows, repainting apartments and trims in some apartments which has been done previously anyways, replaced old cabinets in one apartment that were painted cabinets. I have spent THOUSANDS to get a lead certificate, only to get super frustrated I can't even get an appointment. Total waste of my money and time, trying to comply and not enough inspectors to actually get it done. On top of the money spent, have to deal with the state trying to impose ridiculous bills against us. Frustrating all around.

I support H5721 because I believe it recognizes that many housing providers have complied with the lead paint mitigation laws but have been unable to obtain a lead paint certificate renewal due to the limited number of inspectors available compared to the sudden high demand created by recent law changes.

A landlord who has complied with the lead paint law but was unable to schedule an inspection, let alone get a certificate, should be allowed the opportunity to certify compliance and avoid fines of not having a certificate while still being in compliance, simply due to an inadequate number of inspectors.

Please support this safe harbor provision for landlords who certify compliance with the lead law, but couldn't get a certificate by the deadline through no fault of their own, and vote to advance this bill.

Sincerely,

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