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The Honorable Stephen M. Casey
Chairman
House Committee on Municipal Government & Housing
State House, Room 101
Providence, RI 02903

Re: HB 7533: Lead hazard mitigation in building renovations

Dear Chairman Casey and Members of the Municipal Government & Housing Committee,

I write today to express my support for HB 7533, sponsored by Representative Arthur Corvese, legislation that would require that renovation projects of pre-1978 buildings comply with the Lead Poisoning Prevention Act and the Hazardous Substances Right-to-Know Act, and sets forward certain protocols for undertaking such renovation projects.

As you know, this Office routinely handles civil enforcement matters involving child victims of lead poisoning. Through our work, we understand the significant, and tragic, impacts lead exposure has on our communities. Just as our children deserve to live in homes that do not jeopardize their health, safety, or welfare, our work force and their families also deserve to be protected from such harmful exposure. It is important that we ensure appropriate safeguards and training for employees engaged in renovation projects that lead to potentially dangerous exposure to hazards, like lead paint.

Passage of HB 7533 will help to protect employees and surrounding communities from such hazards. For these reasons, I write in support of this legislation and appreciate the Committee's consideration.

Sincerely,

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