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**In Support of H-5375 – Lead Poisoning Prevention Act**

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The Rhode Island Environmental Education Association (RIEEA) strongly supports **H-5375**, and respectfully urges its passage. RIEEA is a collaborative network of individuals and organizations working to support and promote environmental education in Rhode Island. Our membership includes more than 60 organizations<sup>1</sup> including Audubon Society of Rhode Island, Save The Bay, the Rhode Island Conservation Districts, and Rhode Island College, and over 400 individuals including educators, scientists, advocates, students, parents, and others.

Lead poisoning remains a significant environmental and public health issue. H5375 would improve and enhance lead service line replacement efforts across the state, which is a critical step toward safeguarding Rhode Island residents, particularly vulnerable populations and growing children. By empowering municipalities to enact ordinances that allow water suppliers to enter properties for necessary replacements, the bill not only addresses immediate health concerns but also ensures that tenants have the ability to advocate for safer living conditions. Furthermore, this bill promotes community engagement and transparency by requiring water suppliers to provide comprehensive reports and collaborate with nonprofit organizations, ensuring that all Rhode Islanders are informed and protected.

This legislation will significantly contribute to Rhode Island's efforts to prevent lead poisoning and protect public health, and I urge the legislature to pass it.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.rieea.org/about-us/organizational-members/>