



The Armed Forces Housing Advocates (AFHA) hopes to see House Bill 251 passed in Ohio. Our organization has seen first-hand the consequences and health effects mold causes to those living and breathing it daily.

Our team works with privatized military housing and service-member housing, in which Ohio would benefit from having this legislation to assist in keeping our military men, women and children safer and in habitable homes. We have helped several hundred families who have suffered from exposure to mold left unchecked and rampant, resulting in difficult to identify chronic illnesses, higher levels of stress, and negatively impacted military careers. AFHA believes readiness starts with a safe home.

Legislation to define, set, and enforce a standard for environmental safety surrounding mold growth would exponentially improve the lives of many across the state and would continue the momentum we've seen in other states that have taken similar steps in classifying mold in this way.

Please consider a few decades ago lead and asbestos were a normal part of everyday life. Similarly, research on indoor mold growth is showing that our health is suffering when we allow this hazard to run rampant in homes.

The Armed Forces Housing Advocates supports HB 251 and would like to see Ohio take the lead in pushing for safer homes for our military families.

Very Respectfully,

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