

Honorable Chairman Roemer, Vice Chair Lorenz, and Ranking Member Troy,

My name is Adam Bernon. I am a licensed Lead Risk Assessor, actively engaged with the City of Cleveland's Lead Safe program for over two years. In my role, I encounter numerous challenges, from gaining access to units due to uncooperative tenants to aiding landlords in meeting compliance requirements.

I am here to advocate for House Bill 280, a measure that addresses critical barriers in our fight against lead hazards. Currently, there is a significant shortage of RRP-licensed window installers, and the necessary materials are often delayed, sometimes for months, exacerbating the issue. Extending the resubmission deadline to 180 days from the receipt of a deficiency notice would align more realistically with these logistical challenges.

Furthermore, the expansion and modification of the existing tax credit program are crucial. The \$5 million in non-refundable tax credits, if made fully refundable and accessible to various business entities, would markedly propel our efforts.

It is my ambition to see Cleveland not only excel as a state leader but to set a national precedent for creating lead-safe living environments. Your support for HB 280 is pivotal in this pursuit.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this significant legislation.

Sincerely,

Adam B. Bernon

Risk Assessor

License # LA9795

216.633.0715