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Dear Ohio Senate Finance Committee Members and Ohio Senators,

Radon is the leading cause of Lung Cancer among non-smokers and the leading environmental cause of cancer in the United States. This is according to the US Surgeon General, the US EPA and the American Medical Association. There are over 2,500 new cases of Lung Cancer in Ohio annually and the annual cost of treatment in Ohio is \$205,000 per case.

There existed a line item in the State Budget, HB 33 As Passed by the House, Page 5214, Lines 159868 to 159876, that would appropriate \$500,000 in each fiscal year to Ohio Schools for the purposes of radon testing and mitigation. This grant would give schools the resources necessary to protect the health of their students and staff.

This Line Item has now been removed as part of the Senate Revisions to the Bill. Please support us in working to restore this Budget Item. We are here to assist with any questions and available for discussion any time.

Thank you for your consideration,

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