

Ohio Senators,

Every new regulation put in place is for a good intention, but many times causes more harm than good.

Toledo's Rental Lead Inspection is a perfect example of City Council REFUSING to listen to logic from experts in the lead abatement industry and INSISTING on imposing costly, unnecessary hardship on ALL housing providers and their residents.

It is proven by the statistics of children in Section 8 houses that a visual inspection DOES effectively find and allow for correction of lead hazards without the costly dust wipe tests.

The insistence on the costly dust wipe tests is a fraudulent and unnecessary burden for the following reasons:

False readings: Lead is in our soil because of all the years of leaded gasoline. This leaded dust that can be on a windowsill of a brand-new window will cause a house to fail a lead test. The lead from outside has NOTHING to do with peeling paint, yet now a perfectly fine house will be considered a lead hazard.

False sense of security: If a house passes the lead dust wipe test, a six-year certificate will be issued saying the house is "lead safe". This is as illogical as saying if I dust my end table with Pledge it will be dust-free for six years!

Unnecessary imposition on the elderly: Many senior citizens are becoming agitated by the invasion of their privacy. Many of the elderly are physically unable to wash down all of their windows and floors to pass the dust wipe criteria and the housing provider should NOT bear the burden of cleaning everyone's house -- especially knowing that within one hour of the dust wipe test, dust will have settled back onto the sill and trough!!!

We ask for common sense to prevail. Use the laws that are already on the books. NO ONE WANTS TO POISON CHILDREN, yet imposing this Lead Law is a costly, burdensome and unnecessary hardship.

In closing, we want to reiterate that we are all deeply concerned with lead poisoning in our children -- whether from the water they drink, the toys they play with, the Halloween make up that was discovered is high in lead as well as children eating paint chips.

Respectfully submitted,

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