

Ohio Senators,

Toledo Rental Lead Inspection – Toledo's not listening to the experts

I have been a Lead Contractor for decades, actually I do Toledo's & Lucas Co lead rehabs, (also Michigan). I am also a "Lead Abatement Contractor and a Lead Clearance Tech.

As a Toledo Lead Expert, I condemn Toledo's Lead Ordinance because of:

1. It's discriminatory attack on 'affordable housing' with a law that RAISES rents on ALL rental households even if they DO NOT have lead paint hazards.
2. It also forces perfectly fine housing to evict long term families just to get dust free housekeeping inspections. Residents barely own vacuums let alone the a Hepa Vac.
3. At the same time Toledo's ignoring the poorest kids & families, in Sect 8 homes. Toledo's excuse is Sect 8 has low lead by using visual inspections of peeling paint... which is EXACTLY what we are asking for, visual inspections for problem houses.
4. Owners with the cleanest houses LOSE CONTROL the day they turn keys over to occupant who bumps walls moving in furniture, never use vacs and don't clean on a daily basis
5. Issuing a fake 6yr certificate when Toledo KNOWS the dust wipe test only lasts for 1 hour.
6. Toledo clearly cannot handle their list of 27 houses. 20-25% are owner occupied, At least 3 should have been removed YEARS ago. The house they use on TV news is NOT 'lead' NOT on the list, ready to sue. Matter of fact, an inspector lives there.
7. There are plenty of Toledo laws to go after bad housing AND peeling paint is often VISIBLE from the street for inspectors to clearly see. This would keep them busy for decades.
8. This puts tons of Toledo houses on the state/fed lead disclosure list for life
9. 9. Instead of truly fixing houses Toledo had to RETURN more than half million in UNUSED Lead Grant Moneys

If it is truly all about the children (and not the money), Toledo Should enforce the laws on the books instead of taking money out of the mouths of those same children or even worse, taking away their family's homes.

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