March 10, 2022

Representative David W. Osborne
District 59
Speaker
Kentucky General Assembly

Representative David Meade
District 80
Speaker Pro Tempore
Kentucky General Assembly

Representative Josie Raymond
District 31
Kentucky General Assembly

**AIHA Support for House Bill 484: AN ACT relating to radon testing and mitigation and making an appropriation therefor.**

Dear Representatives Osborne, Meade, and Raymond:

AIHA, the association for scientists and professionals committed to preserving and ensuring occupational and environmental health and safety (OEHS), strongly encourages you to swiftly pass House Bill 484\(^1\), which would help protect Kentuckians from radon exposure hazards by providing financial assistance to child-care centers for radon testing and mitigation. The legislation would also require licensed child-care centers to be tested for radon at least once every five years.

As we state on our website, “Radon is one of the leading causes of lung cancer and is estimated to cause about 21,000 lung cancer deaths per year. Radon is a radioactive gas that comes from the natural decay of uranium that is found in nearly all soils.”\(^2\) Radon reduction techniques work, and cost about the same as other

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\(^1\) [https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/22rs/hb484.html](https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/22rs/hb484.html)

\(^2\) [https://www.aiha.org/public-resources/air-quality](https://www.aiha.org/public-resources/air-quality)
building maintenance.³ **AIHA strongly encourages you to help protect Kentuckians from radon exposure by swiftly passing House Bill 484.**

If you have any questions about AIHA’s support for this bill or other matters, please contact Mark Ames at mames@aiha.org or (703) 846-0730.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Sloan, MBA, FASAE, CAE

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