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Senator John Schickel
District 11
Chair, Licensing & Occupations
Committee
Kentucky State Senate

Senator Jason Howell
District 1
Vice Chair, Licensing & Occupations
Committee
Kentucky State Senate

AIHA Support for House Bill 77: An ACT Relating to Radon Safety

Dear Chairman Schickel and Vice Chairman Howell:

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 77¹**, which would help protect Kentuckians from radon exposure hazards by creating the Kentucky Board of Radon Safety. The board would be responsible for promoting the control of radon in Kentucky, including by designing and administering public education campaigns, and creating and maintaining a certificate program and registry for persons or businesses conducting radon measurement, mitigation, or laboratory analysis.

Strong support was recently shown for this bill when it was passed by the House with 90 Representatives voting in favor.²

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.”³ **AIHA strongly encourages you to help protect Kentuckians from radon exposure by swiftly passing House Bill 77.**

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.

¹ <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/22rs/hb77.html#>

² https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/22rs/hb77/vote_history.pdf

³ <https://www.aiha.org/public-resources/air-quality>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Lawrence Sloan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lawrence Sloan, MBA, FASAE, CAE
Chief Executive Officer
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About AIHA

AIHA is the association for scientists and professionals committed to preserving and ensuring occupational and environmental health and safety in the workplace and community. Founded in 1939, we support our members with our expertise, networks, comprehensive education programs, and other products and services that help them maintain the highest professional and competency standards. More than half of AIHA's nearly 8,500 members are Certified Industrial Hygienists and many hold other professional designations. AIHA serves as a resource for those employed across the public and private sectors as well as to the communities in which they work. For more information, please visit www.aiha.org.

Cc:

Representative C. Ed Massey
Representative Kevin D. Bratcher
Representative Ruth Ann Palumbo