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CANCER LEGAL CARE

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Dear Legislator:

Thank you for considering this important legislation that would help protect Minnesota renters by requiring landlords to test for and disclose radon levels to tenants prior to lease execution and to mitigate dangerous radon levels. This legislation will mirror the Minnesota Radon Awareness Act, which currently requires home sellers to warn potential buyers about radon and disclose whether a property has been tested for radon with the results of those tests, along with details of any mitigation efforts.

Cancer is the leading cause of death among Minnesotans, and indoor air pollution—especially radon pollution—is a very significant contributor. According to Minnesota Department of Health data, 2 in 5 homes within the state have radon levels above 4.0 pCi/L and the average home measures around 4.6 pCi/L—three times the national average. This is why the Cancer Plan Minnesota 2025 included the following in its Objective 15 to Reduce Exposure to Radon in Residential Properties and Other Buildings: “15.3 Require landlords in rental properties to test for radon and notify renters about radon levels in their building.” By requiring landlords to disclose information about radon levels in their units and mandating mitigation when required, **tenants and prospective tenants will have the information they need to make healthy housing decisions.**

This legislation is an important step in improving the health of our state. As the only organization providing free legal care services to the Minnesota cancer community to resolve the many health-harming legal issues our clients face, we are committed to doing our part to reduce the cancer burden in our state. This bill will go a long way to help achieve that goal. All of us at Cancer Legal Care ask that you consider authoring or supporting this legislation on behalf of your constituents.

Sincerely,


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Cancer Legal Care engages the law to resolve the complex challenges facing people and communities affected by cancer.

