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Representative Sue Schoemehl
Missouri House of Representatives
201 West Capitol Avenue
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Re: House Bill No. 2286

Dear Representative Schoemehl:

The National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) is a professional association representing professionals and practitioners in all aspects of environmental health. Our mission is, “*..to advance the environmental health and protection professional for the purpose of providing a healthful environment for all.*” For nearly 75 years, NEHA has been a leading national voice on environmental health issues, representing thousands of professionals that work in this vitally important area.

NEHA has been particularly active in the area of Indoor Air Quality. The public health threat posed by exposure to elevated levels of radon in homes has been a particular issue of concern for us. We, along with such organizations as the American Lung Association and the American Medical Association, have been long-term cooperative partners with the Environmental Protection Agency in educating the public about radon in homes.

Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers and is the second leading cause of lung cancer in America, which claims about 20,000 lives annually. Mandating credible measurement and mitigation providers is one step forward in reducing the incidents of radon-induced lung cancer. Moreover, we believe that mandating certified providers of measurement and mitigation services is a critically important step in assuring consumer protection for homeowners that respond to the homes testing message. NEHA fully supports House Bill No. 2286 as being in keeping with this principal. We also want to congratulate you for your commitment to the citizens of Missouri in advancing this important public health initiative.

Sincerely

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