

Wednesday, March 01, 2017

The Honorable Scott Pruitt
Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Pruitt,

We are writing to express strong support for funding both the Radon Program and the State Indoor Radon Grant (SIRG) program in EPA's FY18 Budget.

Support for radon testing and mitigation is **a perfect fit for EPA action and the Trump Administration.**

The Radon Program and SIRG are prime examples of "cooperative federalism." **EPA supports the states and tribes closely** to deliver radon services. **States and tribes need and welcome EPA radon support.**

EPA's Radon Program and SIRG **help states protect public health in highly meaningful ways**, promoting radon testing and mitigation. **Radon is the Number 1 indoor environmental killer in America. According to the National Research Council, 21,000 Americans die every year due to radon-induced lung cancer.** The EPA Radon Program and SIRG are currently the only infrastructure that exists in the United States to prevent radon-induced lung cancer.

Radon testing and mitigation provide American jobs among radon scientists and technologists, home inspectors, mitigators and more. If these vital EPA programs are cut, state, tribal and territorial programs will close and most consumer outreach on the state and local level will cease. EPA's technical infrastructure for a radon's radioactive reference will cease as well.

SIRG grantee services include public awareness, referrals for testing and mitigation, outreach to the real estate community and public health officials, strategic data collection, technical support for building officials. The cost-benefit of radon risk reduction by state programs is tremendous.

We hope that you will ensure that full continued funding for the Radon Program and the State Indoor Radon Grant Program will be retained in the EPA FY18 Budget. Should you wish further information please contact Peter Hendrick, aarstdirector@gmail.com, or (603) 574-4682.

Sincerely,

American Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists
American Society of Home Inspectors
Bonnie J. Addario Lung Cancer Foundation
CanSAR - Cancer Survivors Against Radon
Caring Ambassadors Program
Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors
Free to Breathe

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe - Air Quality Program
Live Lung
Lung Cancer Alliance
Lung Cancer Initiative
Lungevity Foundation
Midwest Universities Radon Consortium
National Center for Healthy Housing
National Environment Health Association