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August 19, 2016

Mr. David J. Allard, CHP  
Director, Bureau of Radon Protection  
Department of Environmental Protection  
Environmental Quality Board  
PO Box 8477  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-8477

RE: Proposed Rulemaking Notice: Chapter 240 Fee Increase and Radon Mitigation System Tags

Dear Mr. Allard:

On behalf of the members working the five-county region of the Central Susquehanna Valley Board of Realtors®, I would like to express opposition to the proposed rulemaking regarding Chapter 240 fee increases and radon mitigation system tags.

The majority of homeowners that pursue radon testing and the subsequent mitigation do so because they are in the process of selling their home and the buyer has asked for testing. Due to the fact that it is primarily a cost that is incurred during the buying and selling process, the Central Susquehanna Valley Board of Realtors® views any increase in fees as an impediment to home ownership. According to recent census data, Pennsylvania homeownership rates are at a record low. Pennsylvania should be looking at ways to reduce costs for homebuyers, not creating new fees.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Daniel Young'.

Daniel Young

President

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