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Mr. David J. Allard, CHP, Director
Bureau of Radon Protection
Environmental Quality Board
P.O. 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 1,000 members of the Reading-Berks Association of REALTORS®, I am writing to express our 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 Reading-Berks Association of REALTORS® views any increase in fees as an impediment to home ownership. According to the recent Census data, Pennsylvania homeownership rates are at a record low. Pennsylvania should be looking at ways to reduce costs for homebuyers, not creating or increasing fees.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Sincerely,

Wesley T. Stefanick
Director, Government Affairs

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