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Testimony in Support of HB 6653, AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTHY HOMES.

Honorable Chairs and Distinguished Members of the Public Health Committee:

I am writing in Support of HB 6653, AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTHY HOMES. This is a vitally important pilot program to address an unmet need in our communities. As you know, we are in a climate emergency and need to take aggressive action to reduce our fossil fuel use. A primary way to do that is by retrofitting homes to be energy efficient and to move to clean, renewable electricity. However, retrofits have often been hampered due to contaminants in the home, such as lead or mold. Remediation can be expensive and so homeowners and landlords may choose to take a pass on retrofits as a result. But these homes, with their contaminants, contribute to ongoing health issues for residents. By promoting retrofits, with simultaneous remediation of health hazards, we benefit people and the planet – a true win-win.

Please support HB 6653, AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTHY HOMES. It is necessary to move our state in a more equitable, fossil free direction.

Thank you.

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