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**Senate Bill # 1040, AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S
RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING REPORTING OF RADON TEST RESULTS**

The Department of Public Health (DPH) supports Senate Bill # 1040, An Act Concerning the Department of Public Health's Recommendations Regarding Reporting of Radon Test Results and thanks the Public Health committee for raising the bill.

The bill's language describes how the DPH will require reporting of residential radon measurement data from credentialed laboratories, and radon mitigation data from credentialed contractors while maintaining that information as confidential. The data reporting parameters listed in the bill are standard data elements laboratories must receive from a person who tests, in order for the laboratory to analyze a passive radon test device. The bill will also enable the DPH to evaluate and analyze the lung cancer risk posed to CT residents from radon, the 2nd lead cause of lung cancer in the US. Subsequently, the data will enhance the DPH's ability to make more informed programmatic and policy decisions with the goal of protecting public health.

For a video on how radon testing is performed in homes, the CT DPH has produced a video, which can be found at the following link--<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qHP7IJKrIU>

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.