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Statement on

H.B. 6884 (Raised): AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION AND CONTROL

OPPOSED

Submitted to the Public Health Committee
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Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter, ranking members Markley and Srinivasan and members of the committee, My name is Dan Keune, I am a REALTOR® speaking on behalf of over 15,600 members of the Association in opposition to ***HB 6884, AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION AND CONTROL.***

Connecticut REALTORS® oppose this proposal. We believe the current statutory provisions related to the reporting of lead poisoning are more than adequate to protect the public and grant them notice of any possible toxins.

Presently, lead remediation must occur if there is a resident child under six who tests at a level equal or greater than ten micrograms per deciliter in two tests at least three months apart. These additional proposed requirements would set a difficult standard that exceeds a long-established lead-safe policy in Connecticut.

We believe that lowering the rate of micrograms would be a tremendous cost to the homeowner or landlord as it relates to the resulting compliance. Because lead levels in a child could occur from many sources outside the home including where they may have day care or play, the connection of



the burden to where the child resides can result in an even greater burden for Connecticut's property owners and landlords that we believe exceeds what has been historically recognized as the appropriate level to add additional costs onto the resident property.

REALTORS® support the disclosure of the existence of lead based materials in the property to potential purchasers and tenants. The Federal Title X law as well as Connecticut's Property Condition Disclosure Law provides numerous public safeguards in this regard.

To conclude, Connecticut REALTORS® opposes HB 6884 as we believe it to be an excessive reporting requirement that does not add to the protection of the home buyer and will unnecessarily increase costs to all involved.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and I will attempt to answer any of your questions.