

Good morning.

I am Jesse Green, owner of American Radon Mitigation in Anoka and President of the North Star Chapter of the American Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists.

I am here today because of the importance of addressing radon risk. Radon-induced lung cancer kills 21,000 in the US every year. An estimated 500 - 700 of those deaths occur right here in Minnesota. The average Minnesota home has a radon level of 4.6 pCi/L, which is the equivalent to smoking about 9 cigarettes each day. Less than 2 percent of homes are tested every year.

I would like to advocate for two items in the Interior-Environment Appropriations Bill:

- 1) EPA's State Indoor Radon Grants program at \$7.8 million (or more if possible). This program allows the Minnesota Department of Health to conduct outreach, education, and research that contributes to over 34,000 radon tests and 5,000 mitigations annually in Minnesota. I understand that the President's Budget zeroes this program out as if our states can resolve radon alone. That's a false idea. The radon industry relies on this EPA-funded program to get the word out about radon risk, deliver training to radon professionals, builders and realtors, study radon in buildings, and offer test kits to the public.
- 2) EPA's Indoor Air and Radiation Program at \$24.9 million. This program provides vital infrastructure for state radon programs and the radon industry, through resources such as the radon reference, standards, publications, research, outreach, technical leadership and more. It also supports important efforts to assist families with asthma and protect the public from radiation threats.

Thank you for your attention.