

I am ... (state who you are briefly, why you are engaged in radon awareness or why you think paying attention to radon is important)

We know that the local health region has been active in educating people (state briefly a positive statement of a local health organization that has been promoting radon awareness or some initiative that the reader is currently involved in that is connected to helping homeowners with their health - careful not to distract, use something that fits the message and purpose of why they should also consider radon)

High radon levels is a contributing factor of lung cancer in both non-smokers and smokers. Reducing radon levels in homes is an economical, efficient process in most Canadian homes and this will be a benefit on current and future occupants by preventing cancer and reducing the burden on the health care system. Once radon levels are properly mitigated, the radon mitigation system will continue to keep levels low.

I'm writing to ask that the local government consider offering a Radon Mitigation Grant for residents. By providing a rebate of funds when homeowners installs a radon mitigation system you can reduce the contributing factor to current and future occupants, reducing the burden on the health care system and protecting your resident's health. Homeowners simply need to test for radon using a long-term radon test for a minimum of 91 days and if levels are above Health Canada's guideline reduce the levels by having their home mitigated. By ensuring the systems are installed by C-NRPP professionals you protect homeowners from poor workmanship and ensure that homeowners have a proper system installed, and by providing support for radon mitigation you provide residents with the message that this is an important step for their health.

(if you can find local radon research quote their efforts)

You may be aware of the work the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit has done by conducting a survey and providing information on radon to residents. <https://www.wechu.org/tags/radon-testing>

Here is some additional information on radon:

Steps to Reduce Radon – www.carst.ca/StepsToReduceRadon

C-NRPP, a national radon certification program – www.c-nrpp.ca

Health Canada Radon Information – www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/environmental-workplace-health/radiation/radon.html

Public Health Ontario Study -

<http://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/BrowseByTopic/EnvironmentalandOccupationalHealth/Pages/Radon-Burden-of-Illness.aspx>

Ontario Cancer Care -

<https://www.cancercare.on.ca/common/pages/UserFile.aspx?fileId=362767>

Canadian Environmental Law Association a discussion on radon tax credits:

<http://www.cela.ca/blog/2016-10-25/challenging-all-mps-whose-ridings-have-high-radon-levels-support-radon-tax-credit>

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to discuss this further. You can also contact your local Health Canada Regional Rep for more information on radon. (Email info@carst.ca to find out who this is.)

Sincerely,