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There are two primary reasons in my mind that strongly support local control of this program. The first and most important is that this law is very comprehensive and encompasses just about all areas of renovation done on pre 1978 housing. As such many issues will develop that need resolution. This has already happened each time I give a presentation. I always get "what if" type of questions or "how do I do something" type of questions. These questions usually need to be discussed in a work group or stakeholders type of setting where it can be analyzed by those impacted by the law and a consenses reached on how the law should be interpreted or changed. This will not happen at the federal level. Secondly, enforcement needs to be part of this law so that everyone is playing on an even playing field. Michigan can provide better enforcement. If Michigan does enforcement we will be able to respond better to complaints and our enforcement penalties are significantly less than those of the EPA. Our penalties are $3000 as compared to the EPA's of $32,500. EPA will enforce in Michigan if they run this program but they will do it more on a casual basis and use enforcement as an "example" to scare others. Funds generated by the certification requirements of the law should also stay in Michigan and be used by Michigan to improve this program. Funds are now going to Washington and to date no one has seen what those funds are being used for i.e. no accountability.

Thank you

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