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The Honorable Rebekah Warren, Chair
House Great Lake and Environmental Committee
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Dear Chairwoman Warren and the members of the House Great lakes and Environment Committee,

I am in support of The Lead and Renovation Act. Michigan has been a leader in administration of lead paint regulations from EPA and HUD. We have a Department that labors for the safety of our children through abatement and correcting hazards that could lead to lead poisoning.

I have been involved in the lead industry in Michigan since 1991. Worked with the Lead Department to put the first Act and Rules in place. Michigan has an exceptional reputation with EPA and HUD for administering programs effectively and efficiently.

QUAT, Inc was the first to be certified in Michigan as an approved EPA Renovate Trainer last August. Going through the process of certification was frustrating, slow and time consuming. EPA's CDX site for pre-notification and post-notification is nearly impossible to maneuver. They know how hard it is to navigate the site but do not make any changes. There is no organization to the site, notifications are repeated or lost completely leaving us to have to notify by fax and by mail.

With this Act, Michigan would reap the benefits of jobs being created. Mandatory Firm Fees coming to the State instead of EPA. Regulation on trainers from Michigan and other States that are out of compliance with the mandatory requirements set forth by EPA.

Sincerely

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