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Pete Ricketts, Governor

February 7, 2017

Senator Justin Wayne
District #13 State Capitol
P.O. Box 94604
Lincoln, NE 68509-4604

RE: LB 9

Senator Wayne and Members of the Urban Affairs Committee:

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is requesting the Department be removed as chair of the task force created in LB 9. This request has been shared with Senator Krist as well. LB 9 adopts the Radon Resistant New Construction Act, as well as creates a task force to make recommendations to the Governor, the Health and Human Services Committee, and the Urban Affairs Committee about minimum standards for radon resistant new construction (RRNC). It would design the minimum standards to be enforced by a county, city, or village as part of its local building code. It would also consider a requirement that the installation of an active radon mitigation system only be installed by a building contractor or his or her subcontractors or by a radon mitigation specialist.

Thank you for the opportunity to share the above recommendation, the Department of Health and Human Services will continue to be available to answer any questions the Legislature may have and we look forward to working with you in continuing our mission of helping people live better lives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas L. Williams" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Thomas L. Williams, MD
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cc: Senator Bob Krist