[Your Address]

[City, Province, Postal Code]

[Date]

[MLA's Name]

[MLA's Constituency Office Address]

[City, Province, Postal Code]

Dear [MLA's Name],

I am writing to you as a concerned resident of [Your Constituency/Community] to urge you to champion an issue that poses a significant threat to the health and well-being of all New Brunswickers: indoor radon exposure.

As you may be aware, New Brunswick ranks second highest in Canada for indoor radon concentrations. This invisible and odourless gas is the leading cause of lung cancer after smoking, and unfortunately, our province also ranks highest in Canada[1](https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/t1/tbl1/en/tv.action?pid=1310011101&pickMembers%5B0%5D=2.1&pickMembers%5B1%5D=3.1&pickMembers%5B2%5D=4.22&cubeTimeFrame.startYear=2016&cubeTimeFrame.endYear=2020&referencePeriods=20160101%2C20200101) in lung cancer diagnoses. Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths in New Brunswick, surpassing the combined toll of the next three leading cancers.[2](https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/h-s/pdf/en/Cancer/CancerInNewBrunswick2014-2018.pdf)

Shockingly, more than one in four homes in New Brunswick has high levels of radon, yet many residents are unable to afford the cost of mitigation, which can range between $2,000 and $4,000 per household. This lack of affordability means that countless families are unknowingly exposed to this carcinogen, putting their lives at risk.

The consequences extend beyond individual households. Treating lung cancer patients costs the province approximately $70,000 per year per patient[3](https://www.unb.ca/nbirdt/datanb/2022/09/nb-irdt-completes-evaluation-of-cost-effectiveness-of-breath-based-lung-cancer-screenings.php#:~:text=Lung%20cancer%20is%20a%20dangerous,each%20case%20costing%20around%20%2470%2C000.), further burdening our already strained healthcare system. By investing in radon testing and mitigation, we can prevent lung cancer cases, reduce healthcare costs, and ultimately, save lives.

WE ARE THE ONLY PROVINCE WITHOUT FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR RADON MITIGATION.

I urge you to speak out about the urgent need for provincial government support for radon testing and mitigation initiatives. This issue transcends political divides and affects all New Brunswickers. By prioritizing radon mitigation, we can ensure healthier homes and communities for generations to come.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response and actions on this critical issue.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]