[Your Address]

[City, Province, Postal Code]

[Date]

[MLA's Name]

[MLA's Constituency Office Address]

[City, Province, Postal Code]

Dear [MLA's Name],

As a concerned resident of [Your Constituency/Community], I am writing to celebrate the recent unanimous support of the Legislative Assembly for the provision of free long-term radon testing in New Brunswick and to urge you to champion the inclusion of affordable, accessible mitigation support in discussions of this motion going forward.

As you may know, radon is a naturally occurring invisible and odourless gas found in all homes, where it poses a significant threat to the health and well-being of all New Brunswickers.

Radon exposure is the leading cause of lung cancer after smoking, and – due to its geology – the highest levels of radon gas are found in Atlantic Canada. New Brunswick leads the country[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 both lung cancer diagnoses and deaths, and lung cancer kills more New Brunswickers each year than the next three leading cancers combined. Accessible radon testing alone will not solve the issue.[2](https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/h-s/pdf/en/Cancer/CancerInNewBrunswick2014-2018.pdf)

More than 1 in 4 New Brunswick homes have high levels of radon, yet many residents are unable to afford mitigation, which can cost between $2,500 and $4,000 per household. This lack of affordability is risking the lives of countless families.

Not fixing radon also has real financial impacts. The provincial burden of treating lung cancer is 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 straining our already overextended healthcare system. By investing in radon mitigation, we can eliminate a preventable form of lung cancer, reduce healthcare costs, and save lives.

**We desperately need provincial support for radon mitigation.**

I urge you to commit your voice in calling for provincial government support for radon mitigation. 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]