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Environmental Matters Committee
House Office Building, Room 251
Annapolis, MD 21401-1912

RE: Support HB 1041, “The Lead Paint Reduction Act of 2010”

Dear Chairman McIntosh and Members of the Committee:

The Maryland League of Conservation Voters and Maryland PIRG are pleased to urge your support of HB 1041, “The Lead Paint Reduction Act of 2010.”

The dangers of lead poisoning are well known. The toxic effects drove many to advocate for its removal from gasoline, pencils, paint, and other products. This bill would help the victims of lead poisoning get the justice they deserve.

This bill allows victims of lead paint poisoning to better receive legal retribution by placing some legal rights in the hands of those who have adequate resources and knowledge to fight for victims. The threat of litigation through nuisance laws will increase the incentives to continue to remove lead paint from homes and protect some of Maryland’s most vulnerable residents – children.

We wish to thank Delegate Waldstreicher’s leadership on this issue and the committee for its consideration of this important matter.

We respectfully urge a favorable report.