



May 8, 2025

Maine Legislature
Judiciary Committee
2 State House Station,
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Dear Chair Carney, Chair Kuhn, and Members of the Maine Judiciary Committee:

The Institute of Inspection Cleaning and Restoration Certification (IICRC) is a global standards-developing and certification body for the inspection, cleaning, and restoration industries. We support the legislative intent and the efforts to bring greater accountability, professionalism, and consumer protection to mold assessment and remediation in the great state of Maine. Although we appreciate the bill's intent, we respectfully urge the Committee to consider a small but important amendment to the bill's definition of "best practices." Specifically, we recommend that the bill reference the ANSI/IICRC S520 Standard for Professional Mold Remediation, the standard of care for the mold remediation industry.

The ANSI/IICRC S520 Standard for Professional Mold Remediation is the only accredited mold remediation standard available. This standard, accredited by the American National Standards Institute, describes the procedures to be followed and the precautions to be taken when performing mold remediation in residential, commercial, and institutional buildings, and the systems and personal property contents of those structures.

Moreover, ANSI/IICRC S520 is a procedural standard for the remediation of mold damaged structures and contents. It's based on reliable remediation and restoration principles, research and practical experience, and attempts to combine essential academic principles with practical elements of water damage restoration for technicians facing "real-life" mold remediation challenges. The S520 is written for use by those involved in the mold remediation industry and is the result of collaboration among microbiologists and other scientists, public health professionals, industrial hygienists, remediation contractors, restoration service companies, cleaning and restoration training schools, trade associations that service the professional restoration industry, allied trade-persons and others with related professional and practical experience.

We kindly request that the ANSI/IICRC S520 Standard be added to the bill's current definition of "best practices." We want to thank Representative Kessler and all the other stakeholders who worked tirelessly on this bill. Please do not hesitate to reach out if the IICRC can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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