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Dear Members of the Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary:

My name is Ben Barringer, and I am a mold remediation specialist with 20 years' experience in the industry. I am here today to testify in support of LD 1927: An Act to Protect Housing Quality by Enacting Mold Inspection, Notification and Remediation Requirements.

Having been in the industry for 20 years and seen many unhealthy living conditions I feel a standard needs to be set forth. I am in favor of this bill as it is science-based utilizing industry best practices in the water mitigation and mold remediation standards. It is very much the responsibility for landlords to take care of moisture issues in a timely manner with a professional. At the same time, it is the responsibility of the tenant to notify promptly when an event occurs also allowing access for mitigation. Setting standards forces all parties to do their part in keeping a healthy living condition. This standard would help reduce cutting corners or neglect. Healthy living conditions is important but making sure it is done fairly for all parties is paramount.

I do recognize there is another bill before the committee currently but am in favor of this one as it not only utilizes current standard but protects both the landlord and tenant.

I am happy to answer any question the committee may have during or after this hearing.

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