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Testimony of Delegate Samuel I. Rosenberg

Before Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

In Support of

House Bill 1367

## Lead Testing and Inspections - Falsifying Information - Penalty

Chair Smith and Members of the Committee:

House Bill 1367 arises from a reported incident, where those responsible for lead testing were able to duck accountability for falsifying information reported to the Department of the Environment. This bill would rightly hold these bad actors responsible for their lack of concern for our constituents' wellbeing.

Specifically, HB 1367 would penalize a violator \$50,000 for falsifying information on a lead testing report, and each day that this forgery occurs would be treated as a separate violation. An amendment from the Maryland Department of the Environment provides that the law addresses a one-time offense with liability for civil penalties up to \$50,000.

Our citizens deserve to see those responsible for their wellbeing held accountable, which is why I urge the Committee to issue a favorable report on HB 1367.

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