

In regard to bill SB0371 (Environment - Drinking Water Outlets in School Buildings - Testing for Elevated Level of Lead). I am writing in support of this bill. As a John's Hopkins nursing student and as an individual with many school age family members, I feel that a further lowering of lead levels in our schools drinking water is an absolute must. Lead poisoning has been proven to cause neurological deficits in developing minds. Lead levels build up over time in the body and so even very small levels can in fact if left unchecked lead to huge problems in the long run. It is because of this that I believe strongly in further lowering the lead levels in our schools drinking water below 5 parts per million with a hope of completely eradicating all lead in our schools drinking water.

Respectfully,

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