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Members of the Lung Cancer Action Network (LungCAN), a collaborative group of lung cancer advocacy organizations, respectfully request that Congress fund the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) State Indoor Radon Grants (SIRG) FY2016 in the amount of \$8.1 million. In 2003, the National Academy of Sciences estimated that 21,000 people die each year from lung cancer related to radioactive radon gas exposure. Radon is not detectable with human senses; it is the number one cause of lung cancer in nonsmokers; it is the second leading cause of lung cancer, overall.

An estimated one in 15 homes across the nation has high levels of radon; however, most people are completely unaware if it is present in their homes or not. The State Radon Programs provide an important and potentially life-saving public service through extensive radon education and outreach. By providing pamphlets, seminars, webcasts, medical forums, booths and presentations at conferences and conventions, radio and TV public service announcements, and news articles, the State Radon Programs are working closely with the public health departments, nonprofit organizations, and university extension offices sharing facts and data on the danger of living, working, and attending school in environments with elevated levels of radioactive radon gas. Without the funds provided by the grants from EPA, the majority of these activities would cease as the states get no other funds for public radon education and most likely all but a handful of the State Radon Programs would close. Inevitably, more people would continue to be unaware of the real danger of lung cancer from this invisible killer and therefore take no preventive action with testing and mitigation.

We, the members of the Lung Cancer Action Network listed below, encourage your support for \$8.1 million in FY16 for the State Indoor Radon Programs to help protect our citizens from this significant health threat—a Class A carcinogen—radon.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Addario Lung Cancer Foundation  
Cancer Care  
Cancer Survivors Against Radon  
Caring Ambassadors Lung Cancer Program  
Citizens for Radioactive Radon Reduction  
Dusty Joy Foundation  
Free ME from Lung Cancer  
Free to Breathe  
Lung Cancer Foundation of America

Lung Cancer Circle of Hope  
Lung Cancer Initiative of NC  
Lung Cancer Research Council  
Lung Cancer Research Foundation  
LUNgevity  
Rexanna's Foundation for Fighting Lung Cancer  
Uniting Against Lung Cancer  
Upstage Lung Cancer