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Dear Colleague:

On behalf of the Radon Policy Research Program at the University of Kentucky College of Nursing, the Markey Cancer Center, and the Radon Program in the Kentucky Department for Public Health, we thank you for joining with us and actively engaging in the promotion of radon awareness and education in Kentucky. We are embarking on a grassroots effort that aims to reduce the incidence of lung cancer by promoting radon awareness and testing in Kentucky.

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Radon levels in Kentucky are alarmingly high given the geological composition of the state. Much of Kentucky is classified as Zone 1 by the Environmental Protection Agency, meaning that residents are at the highest risk for radon exposure and radon-related health problems. As a healthcare provider, we offer you the means of initiating a conversation with your patients about the dangers of radon exposure. Enclosed are copies of a brief patient brochure and a radon prescription pad.

The Patient Brochures and Prescription Pads can easily be integrated into your normal patient visit. While most patients have heard of radon, very few are aware of the severity of the problem and few test their homes. The simple patient brochure answers questions about radon and its negative health effects. The radon prescription pad gives you a tool to encourage your patients to test their homes for radon. Together, these two items will help you start the radon conversation with your patients.

We hope you will join us to increase awareness, testing and mitigation for radon to reduce lung cancer. Radon education is a continuing process and the Radon Policy Research Program, and its affiliates are strongly committed to lung cancer prevention. Together, we can achieve more and educate many about this serious health risk.

Sincerely,

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