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**Testimony of State Representative
Steve Wieckert**

**Assembly Bill 1030 – Lead Paint Window
Replacement & Efficiency Program**

*Assembly Committee on Housing
400 Northeast – February 22, 2006*

Good morning Chairman John Townsend and committee members. I am pleased to come before you today to discuss Assembly Bill 1030, regarding a Lead Paint Window Replacement and Efficiency Long-term Loan Program. This bill will both help improve the health of children and improve energy efficiency standards.

Many homes in Wisconsin contain lead paint. While this type of paint has not been sold since the 1970s, a large number of homes still have this paint on the walls and woodwork. The problem is that sometimes small children will come in contact with paint chips and dust often found in the windowsills of a home.

If these windows could be replaced with newer windows it would have a double advantage. First, the newer windows would be more energy efficient and help save energy needed to heat a home, thereby reducing home heating fuel bills. Second, it would also remove the number one risk of lead paint in a home, which are the windows.

This legislation creates a special low-interest loan program whereby property owners can obtain loans to purchase new windows to be used in the replacement of the older, less efficient, riskier windows. The money would be earmarked through the public benefits program establishing window replacement as a priority. These loans would be repaid when the property is sold.

This legislation is supported by:

- Wisconsin Apartment Association
- Wisconsin Rental Housing Association
- Wisconsin Environmental Health Association
- Brown County Health Department
- City of Racine

This legislation will help provide for the safety of children living in homes with lead paint and also reduce home heating costs which are becoming increasingly expensive.

Thank you. At this time I would be happy to answer any questions of the committee members.