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To: Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. EPA, Region 5
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Docket No. TSCA-05-2023-0004

Because I can no longer afford attorney's fees, I, Roger P. Janakus, Owner of the Door & Window Super Store am filing this response to the allegations. The attorney we retained, Keith Goldberg, felt that this was not within his expertise and because we've already spent a lot with him, we can't afford an attorney specializing in EPA matters.

Count 1 – Failure to Obtain EPA Firm Certification

This is our factual explanation of the allegations in this complaint.

When this program came into effect, we, Door & Window Super Store, obtained Certification because we thought we needed it. However, when it came up for renewal (during COVID shutdown) we were told that because our business model (one that does not have employees who do the "installation") we did not need to renew our certification. We contract with an installation company, Randy's Remodeling, Inc., who has the EPA certification. Therefore, we did not renew our certification at that time, and if it had not been for COVID we, Door & Window Super Store, would have renewed our certification as a matter of course. As matter of fact, we never even received notice of the certificate expiring. *And, believing that most licenses were automatically extended because of COVID we thought we were in a holding pattern. After receiving this complaint we did renew our certification.*

Please be advised that Randy's Remodeling, Inc. followed all of the protocols per the EPA guidelines on every installation in a home that was built prior to 1978 as a concerned Father & Grandfather.

Count 2 to 8 – Failure to Obtain Written Acknowledgement from Owners of the Single Family Dwellings

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We assumed that because we were not the certified installer, those "Brochures" were given to the homeowner by the installer when he went to the job to measure & quote the installation price. Conversely, Randy's Remodeling, Inc. assumed we were giving the Brochure to the homeowner. *However, we, Door & Window Super Store and Randy's Remodeling, Inc. verbally discussed the possibility of lead paint being present if their home was built prior to 1978.*

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