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SEN. JACOBS TO OFFER FREE TOXIC TOY TESTING

National expert to speak on toxins

LANSING- Sen. Gilda Z. Jacobs (D-Huntington Woods) has announced a district event offering free lead testing of toys for area residents. The event will be held from **10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Saturday, February 16, 2008, at the Gerry Kulick Community Center, 1201 Livernois, Ferndale**. Residents are invited to bring children's toys (maximum of 3) to be tested for high levels of lead.

The testing will be done by the Ecology Center, Ann Arbor, MI. Noted authority Michael R. Harbut, M.D., M.P.H., will discuss the growing problem of dangerous toys and what can be done to keep families safe.

Dr. Harbut is a specialist in Occupational and Environmental Health in private practice with research offices at Karmanos Cancer Institute. He has won numerous awards including recognition as a Top Doc by Hour Detroit Magazine in 2007. Harbut, a prominent expert on asbestos diseases and toxins, has appeared on Nightline, The McNeill-Lehrer Newshour, and in the New York Times.

The testing program was prompted by massive recalls late last year of dangerous lead levels discovered in toys manufactured in China.

"This is an issue critical to our children's health," Sen. Jacobs said. "We're hoping that parents and caregivers have holiday gift toys tested and gain peace of mind in the process."

For more information, call Sen. Jacobs' office at 517/373-7888 or 800/937-4453.

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