

**This is a letter written to the Editor of the KC Star by Nancy Seats, President of HADD, Inc. that they would not print.**

The very informative story on Stachybotrys written by Alan Bavley is so important for families who are dealing with water intrusion into their homes due to shoddy construction or defective materials used as siding. Our organization is a not for profit, and our hope is to attain more responsibility, and accountability in the residential construction industry.

At this time there is little or no consumer protection for a family who purchases a house with latent structural defects in either Missouri or Kansas. In fact there is little or no help for consumers of residential construction anywhere in the United States.

Almost every call our office receives is about water intrusion among other things. Leaky windows, leaky siding, leaky roofs, and leaky foundations. Even the best known builders in Kansas City are not immune to these problems. There are class action law suits all over the country against companies who make defective siding, but some builders here continue to use these products. I know a builder here who is installing synthetic stucco without the vapor barrier. Every family who gets stuck with one of these houses will suffer emotionally and financially.

Builders need to be licensed and insured as are most other professions. The insurance they carry now is liability insurance which offers the home buyer no protection against defective construction. In fact that insurance defends the builder if he is taken to court due to defective construction. We could use a lemon law for houses like we have for cars. No one should find massive wood rot in a three year old home, and no one should suffer from serious health problems because a house cannot be built today to keep water out.

Write your [Kansas](#) or [Missouri](#) senators and representatives and let them know you would like to see this injustice solved ASAP!

Nancy Seats, President

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