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Mr. Roy A. Bernardi  
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And Urban Development  
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Lead Hazard Control  
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Dear Mr. Bernardi,

I write this letter in strong support of the ACCESS Agency's Healthy Homes grant application as facilitated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Elimination Action Program Grant. I fully endorse their proposal.

The funds from this grant will provide for the safe remediation of lead in low income single and multi-family homes built before 1978 in Tolland and Windham counties in Connecticut. This area of Connecticut is one of the least wealthy so it is especially important that low income families are giving financial assistance for lead remediation services.

Additionally, Access will use the funds to create a comprehensive outreach and education campaign for home and property owners to inform them of the dangers of lead in the home. With their 43 years of experience, the Access Agency is a great resource for the families of northeastern Connecticut. The organization has experience administering large grants and they have a dedicated staff with a solid reputation of providing top-quality services to the constituents of the Second Congressional District. I respectfully ask you to give their proposal full and fair consideration.

I thank the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control for administering the LEAP Grant. Please do not hesitate to contact my District Director Jenny Contois if I can be of any additional assistance to the ACCESS Agency's grant application. You may reach Mrs. Contois at 860-886-0139.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best Wishes,

JOE COURTNEY  
Member of Congress