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House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Steve Womack
Chairman

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and
Urban Development, and Related Agencies
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mike Quigley
Ranking Member

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and
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House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member Quigley:

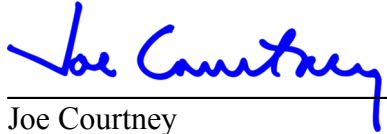
We write in strong support of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) Healthy Homes Initiative. As you well know, in 1999 HUD launched its Healthy Homes Initiative to protect children and families from housing-related health and safety hazards. Since that time, HUD's Healthy Homes Initiative has been instrumental in helping improve the health and safety of low-income housing. This program supports initiatives throughout the country, including for hazard assessment and intervention, evaluating the effectiveness of interventions, building local capacity to educate residents and mitigate hazards, and developing and delivering public-education programs.

Our districts rely on this program to support housing repairs that help prevent asthma, cancer, and other serious health problems. To this end, **we request at least \$500 million for lead hazard control and healthy homes program. Of the total, we request at least \$180 million for the Healthy Homes Initiative** to address health and safety hazards in the home, such as carbon monoxide, fire safety, and mold. This program supports tens of thousands of low income families and decreases the number of children nationwide with elevated blood lead levels, asthma, and other illnesses and injuries. These programs yield high returns on investment. For example, reducing household allergens that contribute to asthma and allergies yield \$5.30 to \$16.50 per dollar invested. Installing battery-operated smoke alarms yields \$18 per dollar invested.

Additionally, within the Public Housing Fund, **we request at least \$100 million to help Public Housing Agencies identify and eliminate housing-related health and safety hazards**, such as fire, mold, carbon monoxide, pest infestation, radon, and other housing hazards to ensure the health and safety of families living in public housing.

Thank you for your support for these important programs.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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