

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Adrienne Todman
Acting Secretary
Housing and Urban Development
Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 7th St, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20410

Dear Acting Secretary Todman,

We write in strong support of the application submitted by the City of Norwich for funding under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Lead Hazard Reduction Program. Norwich is requesting \$3,000,000 for the correction of lead paint hazards found in homes with children under the age of six years old.

Norwich is a city of approximately 40,000 residents in southeastern Connecticut. Many of the city's houses were built before 1978 – prior to lead-based paints being banned. The paint that was applied in Norwich homes over 45 years ago is worsening in condition resulting in an increased risk to children who might be exposed to high lead levels.

If awarded, the city will utilize HUD funding to remove lead paint hazards from at least 85 properties with a specific focus on homes with children in the Norwich area. Many of the residents of these homes will be low-to-moderate income families with at-risk children under the age of six. In addition to lead removal, the project entails community outreach and education to raise awareness regarding the hazard lead poses to children.

We fully support the efforts by the City of Norwich in the abatement and rehabilitation of properties with lead paint. Funding from HUD's Lead Hazard Reduction Program would help address the urgent need in Norwich for safe lead-free housing. Therefore, we urge your full and fair consideration of the city's application to the lead hazard reduction program.

Sincerely,



CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY
United States Senate



RICHARD BLUMENTHAL
United States Senate



JOE COURTNEY
Member of Congress