

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

June 5, 2015

The Honorable Julián Castro  
Secretary  
Department of Housing and Urban Development  
451 7th Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20410

Re: Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant

Dear Secretary Castro:

We write in support of the application submitted by the City of New Haven, Connecticut for funding from the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant. The \$3,325,000 in requested funding will allow for the abatement of 200 housing units and further reduce the incidence of childhood lead poisoning while providing green and healthy homes.

If awarded this grant, the City of New Haven will be able to continue the process of abating the city's housing of lead paint. Over the past 13 years, the number of children in New Haven identified with having lead poisoning has declined by 74% – from 474 children in 2002 to 107 children in 2014. Through the provision of five previous Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grants, over 1,251 homes in New Haven have been fully abated of lead and thousands of families have been educated on the dangers of lead exposure.

The Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant will provide the City of New Haven with the opportunity to continue its highly successful efforts to eliminate childhood lead poisoning and foster green and healthy communities. Therefore, we fully support the application submitted by the City of New Haven and ask for your full consideration of this worthy proposal.

Sincerely,



RICHARD BLUMENTHAL  
United States Senate



CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY  
United States Senate



ROSA L. DeLAURO  
Member of Congress