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The Honorable Ben Carson
Secretary
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 7th Street Southwest
Washington, DC 20410

Dear Secretary Carson:

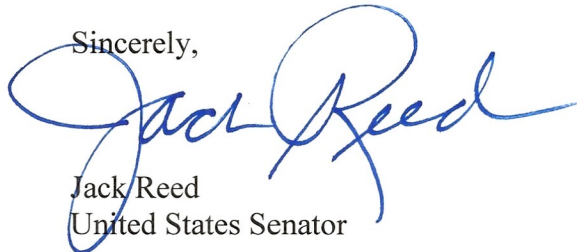
I write in support of the proposal submitted by the City of Providence to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control (OHHLHC) for continued funding through the Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant program. Funding through this program will help expand the City's Lead Safe Providence Program (LSPP), which is designed to comprehensively address lead hazard reduction and multiple home-based health hazards that threaten the health of young children and families.

The Lead Safe Providence Program is an innovative and model program for integrating existing and new resources to eliminate childhood lead poisoning and create healthy homes. The expanded program will leverage the efforts of state and local government agencies, community organizations, and property owners to increase the stock of affordable, lead-safe properties in low-income communities in Providence.

I am well aware of the important support that HUD's OHHLHC has provided to cities and states to achieve the goal of ending childhood lead poisoning and reducing housing-related health hazards. I have consistently lead the effort to fund robustly HUD's OHHLHC in order to continue this effort. Additionally, I helped create the Urban Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Program to fight lead poisoning in communities with the highest rates of lead poisoning in children. Therefore, I have a keen interest in supporting the City of Providence's application and efforts to continue its lead abatement program to further the goal of protecting children and families from lead poisoning and other health hazards.

I commend this project and request your consideration of this application within all applicable rules and regulations. If I can be of assistance to you in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Christopher Albert of my Providence Office at 401/528-5200.

Sincerely,



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