Unhealthy conditions found in hazardous housing can lead to lead poisoning, asthma, respiratory illness, cancer, and unintentional injuries, resulting in missed school days and poor school performance for children, as well as missed work days for parents. To protect the health of Delaware's families and prevent continued increases in associated healthcare costs and societal consequences, full federal funding is needed for critical programs and services:

- CDC’s Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention Program
- CDC’s National Asthma Control Program
- CDC’s Environmental Health Tracking Network
- HUD’s Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes
- HUD’s Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)
- HUD’s HOME Investment Partnerships Program
- EPA’s Lead Categorical Grants
- EPA’s Drinking Water Revolving Fund
- HHS’ Maternal and Child Health Block Grants
- HHS’ Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- DOE’s Weatherization Assistance Program

Full funding to federal programs such as these will help to address many of the risks and burdens facing the residents and families of Delaware, including:

- In Delaware, **32% of children live in households with a high housing cost burden**, and 19% of children live in poverty.
- In 1978, 55% of housing in Delaware was built before 1978 and is likely to contain lead-based paint.
- In 2015, **315 Delaware children tested had an elevated blood lead level** (5 μg/dL or more); 51 of them had blood lead levels of 10 μg/dL or more.
- Approximately **9% of adults** (2014) and **12% of children** (2012) have current asthma in Delaware.
- The total cost of asthma in Delaware, including medical costs and loss of productivity, is estimated at **over $200 million per year**.
- In 2014, there were **1,337 emergency department visits and 368 hospitalizations due to asthma** among Delaware children enrolled in Medicaid/CHIP.
- In 2015, **unintentional falls were responsible for 57 deaths among adults over the age of 65** in Delaware. In 2014, such falls were **23% of all nontransport accidental deaths**.
- In Delaware, the areas with the **highest percentages of radon over the EPA action level are Middletown (27%) and Odessa (22%)**; both are in New Castle County.

For references, additional state-specific healthy homes information, and to learn how you can engage your members of Congress on these vital issues...

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