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 Idaho’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 Idaho, including:

- In Idaho, 25% of children live in households with a high housing cost burden, and 18% of children live in poverty.
- An estimated 78% of children at high risk for lead exposure in Ada County (includes the city of Boise) are not being tested.
- 45% of housing in Idaho was built before 1978 and is likely to contain lead-based paint.
- Approximately 8.6% of adults (over 103,000) in Idaho have current asthma (2014). Over 19% of high school students have ever had asthma (2015).
- Idaho has no state statutes regulating radon, carbon monoxide detectors, bed bugs, or mold.
- There were more deaths from unintentional falls than from car accidents in Idaho in 2014 (229 compared to 213); 201 of those killed were adults over the age of 65.
- 18 counties in northern and central Idaho have predicted average indoor radon levels above the EPA action level. In 9 Idaho counties, more than 50% of radon test results were above the action level.

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

visit: www.nchh.org
contact: sgoodwin@nchh.org