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 Louisiana’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

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In 2015, 3,505 Louisiana children tested had an elevated blood lead level (5 µg/dL or more); 923 of them had blood lead levels of 10 µg/dL or more.

In 2015, 32% of children live in households with high housing cost burden, and 28% of children live in poverty.

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There were an average of 57 emergency department visits per day due to asthma in Louisiana in 2012.


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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