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:

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- 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 State Indoor Radon 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 Louisiana, including:

- In Louisiana, 30% of children live in households with a high housing cost burden, and 28% of children live in poverty.
- In 2016, 181 Louisiana children tested had an elevated blood lead level (5 μg/dL or more); 83 of them had blood lead levels of 10 μg/dL or more.
- In 2016, over 10% of children tested for lead had levels above 5 μg/dL in five Louisiana parishes: Claiborne, Winn, St. Martin, St. Mary, and Orlean.
- Approximately 9% of adults (2017) and 9% of children (2015) have current asthma in Louisiana.
- In 2017, 262 Louisianians over the age of 65 died as a result of unintentional falls.
- On average, 19 individuals die annually from carbon monoxide exposure in Louisiana (2012-2016).

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