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 South Carolina'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 | YES
CDC’s National Asthma Control Program | NO
CDC’s Environmental Health Tracking Network | NO
HUD’s Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes | YES
HUD’s Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) | YES
HUD’s HOME Investment Partnerships Program | YES
EPA’s Lead Categorical Grants | NO
EPA’s State Indoor Radon Grants | YES
EPA’s Drinking Water Revolving Fund | YES
HHS’ Maternal and Child Health Block Grants | YES
HHS’ Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) | YES
DOE’s Weatherization Assistance Program | YES

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

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October 2019. 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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