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 Virginia’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**
- YES

**EPA’s Radon Categorical Grants**
- YES

**EPA’s State Indoor Radon Grants**
- 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 residents and families of Virginia, including:

- **In Virginia, 29% of children live in households with a high housing cost burden**, and 14% of children live in poverty.

- **47% of Virginia housing was built before 1978** and is likely to contain lead-based paint.

- **Approximately 9% of adults** (2017) and **7% of children** (2016) have **current asthma** in Virginia.

- **46 counties and 15 cities** in Virginia have predicted average indoor radon levels above the EPA action level.

- **In 2016, 793 Virginia children tested had an elevated blood lead level** (5 μg/dL or more); **219 of them had blood lead levels of 10 μg/dL or more.**

- **On average, 7 Virginians die annually from carbon monoxide exposure** (2012-2016).

- **In 2013, 7,582 Virginians were hospitalized due to asthma**, with total charges **over $156.5 million.**

- **In 2017, unintentional falls were responsible for 757 deaths** among Virginians over the age of 65.

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