

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Rita Yorkshire  
Grants Management and Oversight Division  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
451 7th Street S.W.,  
Washington, DC 20410

Dear Ms. Yorkshire,

I am happy to provide this letter of support for the Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Application submitted by the City of Lancaster.


The City plans to focus heavily in four Census tracts (9, 10, 14, and 147) in the southern half of the City where 16,000 residents live. Based on the age of the housing, there is certainly lead-based paint present in the majority of households within the target area. Data from 2006-2012 indicate that nearly half of the children under 6 that were tested and resided within those four Census tracts comprising the target area had elevated blood lead levels (over 5 µg/dL).

It is my understanding that the City will continue to work closely with many community partners including Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health, Lancaster Health Center, Partnership for Public Health, Franklin and Marshall College's Public Health program, School District of Lancaster, and numerous neighborhood organizations active within the target area to promote the program.

If selected for funding, Lancaster City will make 710 housing units lead safe over the next five years. An additional \$600,000 of Healthy Homes Supplemental funding would be used to address other hazards including radon, mold and tripping hazards in 120 homes.

Once again, I am happy to provide this letter of support for the aforementioned grant application, and I respectfully ask that you give the City of Lancaster's application all due consideration. In the event that this application is selected for funding, please direct a copy of your award notification to my Grants Coordinator, Alex Byrne, via email at [Alexandra\\_Byrne@toomey.senate.gov](mailto:Alexandra_Byrne@toomey.senate.gov).

Sincerely,



Pat Toomey  
U.S. Senator