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**Congress of the United States**  
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December 7, 2010

The Honorable Shaun Donovan  
Secretary  
US Department of Housing and Urban Development  
451 7<sup>th</sup> Street, S. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20410

RE: Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program  
FON: FR-5415-N-11A  
Broome County Health Department and First Ward Action Council, Inc.

Dear Secretary Donovan:

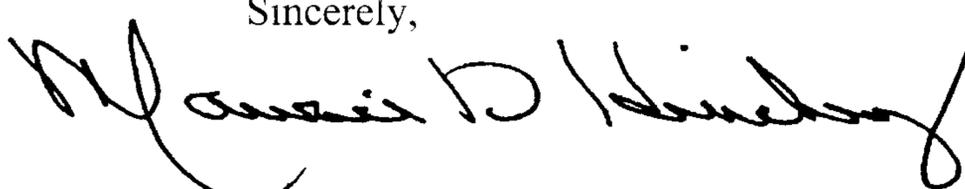
I am writing to express my support for an application submitted by the Broome County Health Department for the above captioned grant program. I believe the work the county is seeking to perform is absolutely essential and I asked that this application be given the utmost consideration.

This three-year program will allow the county to work with its partner, First Ward Action Council, Inc., to address the serious problem of lead poisoning in this community. In this calendar year alone, there have been 44 cases documented of children having elevated levels of lead in their blood in Broome County and these levels can be attributed in part to lead present in the built environment. I firmly believe that this situation cries out for a remedy and that this grant program will help advance solutions for lowering both lead poisoning and the legacy of lead-contaminated housing stock in the county.

I have great confidence in the ability of these local agencies to fulfill the goals of this important federal program and urge you to carefully consider this grant application.

Best regards.

Sincerely,



Maurice D. Hinchey

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