Protect Our Children:
End the #LeadEpidemic

Every child deserves a safe and healthy home. Across the country, our children our not well and the 4 million children living in federally assisted housing are in peril. These innocent children are being lead poisoned and our current laws do nothing to stop it. Nothing will change without Congressional action. Protect our children’s futures and support the Lead-Safe Housing for Kids Act (S2631/HR4694).

PROTECT OUR CHILDREN

No level of lead poisoning is safe. Lead poisoning causes permanent brain damage that negatively impacts cognition, growth, and development. It has been linked to academic failure, learning disabilities, behavioral problems, cardiovascular disease, high blood pressure, and death. The risk falls disproportionately on low-income families and communities of color.

PREVENT COSTS TO SOCIETY

EVERY $1 SPENT ON LEAD POISONING PREVENTION YIELDS $17 TO $221 IN SOCIETAL SAVINGS

- $11-53 billion in healthcare savings
- $165-233 billion in lifetime earnings
- $25-35 billion in tax revenue
- $30-146 million in special education expenses

SUPPORT THE LEAD-SAFE HOUSING FOR KIDS ACT

S2631 & HR4694 PROTECT CHILDREN IN FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING FROM LEAD POISONING

- Aligns the law with the prevailing science
- Identifies lead hazards and requires repairs before a child is exposed
- Gives families the right to move from a unit with lead hazards
- Removes exemptions for 0-bedroom units
- Directs GAO to study interventions
- Directs the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Environmental Protection Agency to take affirmative steps to prevent lead poisoning
- HUD has publicly expressed eagerness to end lead poisoning & support of legislative action
Take Action to End the #LeadEpidemic

ADD YOUR ORGANIZATION TO THE LIST OF SUPPORTERS

A Community Voice
Baltimore City Health Department
ChangeLab Solutions
Chicago Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights
Childhood Lead Action Project
Children’s Defense Fund
CLEARCorps USA
Coalition on Human Needs
ColorofChange.org
Conservation Law Foundation
Earthjustice
Environmental Advocacy Clinic, Northwestern University School of Law
Environmental Defense Fund
Farmworker Justice
Green & Healthy Homes Initiative
Health Justice Project, Beazley Institute for Health Law and Policy, Loyola University Chicago School of Law
Healthy Homes Collaborative

Lawyers’ Committee for Better Housing Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
Louisiana Roundtable for the Environment
Loyola University Chicago School of Law Civitas ChildLaw Center
Metropolitan Tenants Organization
National Alliance of HUD Tenants
National Center for Healthy Homes
National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership
National Housing Law Project
National Low-Income Housing Coalition
Natural Resources Defense Council
Poverty & Race Research Action Council
Safer Chemicals, Healthy Families
Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law
Southern United Neighborhoods
United Parents Against Lead
Urban Justice Center
9to5, National Association of Working Women

SIGN THE PETITIONS

Sign the petitions at ColorofChange.org and Groundswell-mvmt.org. Tell Congress you won’t stand for one more child being lead poisoned by adding your name!

STAY INFORMED

Follow @leadSafeHousing on Twitter & the Protect Our Children, End the Lead Epidemic page on Facebook for updates. Email healthjustice@luc.edu to join the effort.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS TO PROTECT OUR CHILDREN & END THE #LEADEPIDEMIC IN ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES