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 Illinois 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
- CDC’s National Asthma Control Program
- CDC’s Environmental Health Tracking Network
- HUD’s Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes
- HUD’s Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)
- HUD’s HOME Investment Partnerships Program
- EPA’s Lead Categorical Grants
- EPA’s Drinking Water Revolving Fund
- HHS’ Maternal and Child Health Block Grants
- HHS’ Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- DOE’s Weatherization Assistance Program

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

- In Illinois, 32% of children live in households with a high housing cost burden, and 19% of children live in poverty.
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- Over 41% of homes tested in Illinois have radon amounts above the EPA action level in their indoor air. Up to 1,160 people in Illinois develop radon-related lung cancer each year.
- Illinois’ asthma expenditures are expected to reach $2.2 million by 2020; a growth of 53.6% since 2010.
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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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