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Administrator**

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Ms. Barbara Morrissey  
Chair, Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee  
Washington State Department of Health  
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Dear Ms. Morrissey:

Thank you for the Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee letter on recommendations for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to further reduce childhood lead exposure and improve lead safety communications. We are reviewing these recommendations along with the recommendations that CHPAC provided regarding recent amendments to the Toxic Substances Control Act and its protection of vulnerable life stages including childhood and pregnancy/fetal development.

In response to the continuing public health concern regarding exposure to lead from a variety of sources including old lead paint and in drinking water, the President's Task Force on Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks to Children, which the EPA co-chairs with the Department of Health and Human Services, is developing an updated federal strategy to address lead risks to children from a variety of sources. We expect this new strategy will broadly address your recommendations to protect children from health risks posed by lead.

We thank you and the rest of CHPAC for your continued active engagement on issues concerning lead exposure in children, and we greatly appreciate your efforts to improve the health of our nation's children.

Respectfully yours,

/s/

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