



Charles House Neighbors in Action
c/o Charles Settlement House
431 Jay Street
Rochester, NY 14611

September 26, 2008

Governor David Paterson
c/o Lisa Ullman, Assistant Counsel to the Governor
Executive Chamber, Second Floor
New York State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

RE: Lead-Paint Remediation Bill

Dear Governor Paterson:

I am writing on behalf of Charles House Neighbors in Action, a group of residents and representatives of local businesses and neighborhood organizations located in Rochester, NY. Our neighborhood is in northwest Rochester – including Enrico Fermi School #17 – where the issue of lead poisoning was brought to the forefront. Actions in this neighborhood spurred local legislation about lead-paint remediation and led Assemblyman David Gantt and Senator Joseph Robach to sponsor the legislation now awaiting your signature.

Our group unanimously passed a resolution on September 24, 2008, urging you to sign the lead poisoning legislation that was approved this year by both the Assembly and Senate. We realize that the state faces difficult budget decisions. However, this bill is about children's health. It has taken a very long time to craft legislation that both chambers could approve, and would be the wrong time to veto this bill.

Governor Patterson – We strongly urge you to sign this lead-paint remediation bill into law!

Sincerely,

Scott C. Benjamin
President, Charles Settlement House
On behalf of Charles House Neighbors in Action

Cc: Assemblyman David Gantt
Senator Joseph Robach