



September 2, 2008

Hon. David Paterson, Governor  
State of New York  
The Executive Chamber  
State Capitol  
Albany, NY 12224

**RE: A.6399-C / S.6350-B**

Dear Governor Paterson,

This letter is to request your support of the **Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention and Safe Housing Act** that is now before you. The horrors associated with lead poisoning are well documented. This landmark legislation will build upon a proven pilot program to require primary prevention in high-risk areas. While it is admittedly a point of pride to me and many Rochesterians that the legislation was introduced by our area's delegation leaders in the Assembly and Senate, its benefits will accrue statewide.

The permanent, irreversible damage wrought by lead poisoning of no less than 5,000 New York children per year is a cost that we cannot afford to bear. I respect greatly that you have sounded a caution over the fiscal health of our State; however, the cost of not moving ahead to eliminate this human devastation far exceeds that required to implement this legislation. I strongly urge that you enact the **Childhood Lead Poisoning and Safe Housing Act** into law.

Sincerely yours,

Robert J. Duffy  
Mayor

C: Hon. David Gantt, Member of Assembly  
Hon. Joseph Robach, Senator

