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Governor David A. Patterson
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State Capitol
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Re: Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention and Safe Housing Act
(Gantt-Robach A.6399-C/S.63-50-B)

Dear Governor Patterson:

I am writing as District Attorney of Monroe County to add my name to the list of concerned leaders and citizens who urge you to sign or in the alternative not veto the above bill. Monroe County, and more specifically the City of Rochester, has been identified as having a significant problem with children with unacceptably high lead levels as a result of lead paint in many of our city houses. We also have a significant violence problem we are combating, concentrated in our city and disproportionately involving and effecting our youth. As District Attorney I am well aware of a growing body of research linking lead poisoning in our children with increased juvenile delinquency and crime involvement. I would be happy to provide your staff with more information if it would be helpful.

Thank you for your time and consideration and again, I would respectfully urge you not to veto the above legislation.

Very truly yours,



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