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October 5, 1995

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Clinton:

The Alliance for Consumer Rights, the public affairs arm of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association, opposes the deep cuts that Congress is proposing for the 1996 fiscal year low-income housing budget.

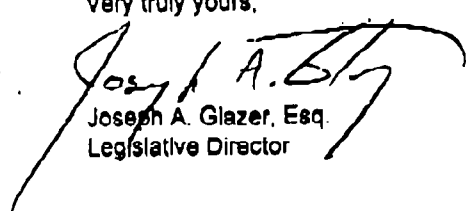
In particular, the plan to reduce lead paint remediation funding to a fraction of what it was in 1994, having suffered a substantial cut already in FY 1995, is a travesty. While the House plan is to reduce the funding to a preposterously low \$10 million, the Senate plan would include \$75 million, approximately 40% of the commitment made in 1994.

The lack of available insurance for lead-based paint hazards has allowed the cost of remediation to burgeon, and a reduced commitment by the federal government will only exacerbate the problem. The estimated cost of remediation in our urban public housing facilities alone is in the billions of dollars.

Reducing the commitment to lead paint removal funding is actually a commitment to allow more children to become permanently injured, increase medical and educational costs, and foment a major ill suffered by our most vulnerable of citizens -- babies and toddlers.

Therefore, the Alliance for Consumer Rights must urge you to veto any budget bill which substantially reduces our commitment to lead-based paint hazard remediation funding in low-income housing. Nothing less than the future of our children depends on it.

Very truly yours,


Joseph A. Glazer, Esq.
Legislative Director

E X E C U T I V E O F F I C E O F T H E P R E S I D E N T

26-Jan-1996 08:25am

TO: Molly Brostrom
FROM: Francis S. Redburn
Office of Mgmt and Budget, HTF
CC: Theodore Wartell
SUBJECT: RE: lead-based paint

You can talk to me or Ted Wartell. We did not request funds for this in 1996, although it was to be an eligible use of the Affordable Housing performance funds. We are still debating with HUD whether to ask for any money in 1997.

As you probably know, Pb levels in poor children have fallen dramatically. There seems to be much less of a case for Federal funding than in the past. However, we are expecting to get a further briefing on this from HUD soon. You should come along.