

## **Additional Statements of Support for the Lead Safe Housing for Kids Act of 2020**

“Safe, habitable, affordable housing is a human right,” **said Eric Tars, National Homelessness Law Center legal director.** “That means that when we call on Congress to act quickly on the Lead-Safe Housing for Kids Act, we are not asking for charity, but rather demanding the government do its duty to its people to ensure safe housing is available to all. Lead paint was banned more than 40 years ago – it is inexcusable that remediation efforts have not reached everyone, and it is even more inexcusable that this public health crisis continues to disparately impact Black and Brown communities. [We demand] that Congress pass the Lead-Safe Housing for Kids Act today, and not stop until the human rights of all our citizens are respected, protected, and fulfilled.”

"Health and housing are core human and civil rights, and as a society we should be proud to ensure those rights through our subsidized housing programs," **said Megan Haberle, Poverty & Race Research Action Council deputy director.** "This legislation is one important step toward realizing those values. Most importantly, it takes aim at one of our nation's severe health risks for children. Every child should have a safe, healthy, and fulfilling life - including those participating in the Housing Choice Voucher program. We are thankful for this key measure."

“The Brain Injury Association of America is pleased to endorse the Lead-Safe Housing for Kids Act of 2020,” **said Susan H. Connors, Brain Injury Association of America president and CEO.** “We are grateful to Congressmen McEachin and Garcia for introducing this critically important legislation. Lead poisoning in young children can seriously impair brain development and lead to lifelong disabilities. We strongly support the bill.”

“We applaud Representative McEachin for introducing the Lead-Safe Housing for Kids Act as this bill will better protect both children from the harmful effects of lead poisoning and people with disabilities living in housing receiving Federal assistance”, **said Curt Decker, National Disability Rights Network executive director.**