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Dear Administrators of CDC & HUD,

Recently, I sent a letter to the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) and the Department for Housing and Urban Development (HUD) concerning the administration of lead prevention and abatement programs in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

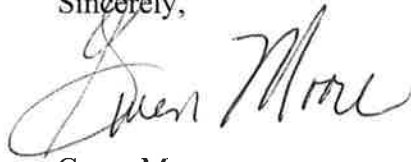
Yesterday, a local newspaper published the attached report by the Milwaukee Health Department's Director of Disease Control & Environmental Health. This report details numerous troubling findings and potential violations of the CDC's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program and HUD's Lead Abatement grants:

- No documentation for at least 30 homes that were referred for lead testing. That figure could rise as high as 100 homes. Additionally, 119 homes with an electronic record have no paper record that an assessment was initiated.
- In 2 cases last year, children with extremely high blood lead levels were returned to their homes without the city testing to see whether they were lead-free.
- Of the 6,022 families with a child who tested at the lowest blood lead level, the Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) can only account for 1,500 notification letters to families
- Only 44% of children with blood lead levels at the next level received referrals for early intervention services
- 3 children who tested at the highest lead poisoning level (40+ ug/dL) were not referred for case management

- Also reported “failure to consistently meet HUD grant performance requirements” and “program set unnecessary and burdensome eligibility criteria for property owners”

I wanted to forward this information to you so that the findings of this report are included with my request for a thorough investigation into Milwaukee’s administration of these programs to ensure they are in compliance with federal requirements. Please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gwen Moore". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Gwen Moore
Member of Congress

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Attachments

cc: Dale Darrow, HUD Wisconsin Field Office Director