

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 22, 2016

The Honorable Julian Castro  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
451 7<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20410

Dear Secretary Castro:

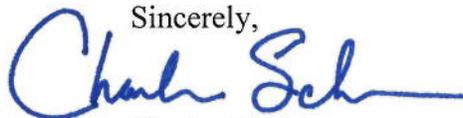
I am pleased to write in support of the Albany Community Development Agency's (ACDA) application for funding under the Department of Housing and Urban Development's *Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant* program. Such funding will enable the ACDA to produce 150 affordable, lead-safe units in the City of Albany.

The City of Albany has been a recipient of lead hazard reduction funds since 1997. During that time, ACDA has completed lead reduction in 1,934 units throughout Albany, working to improve the health and wellbeing of residents. ACDA will work closely with a number of agencies in the continuation of this program, including Flatley, Read LLC, the New York State Health Department, Capital District Habitat for Humanity, the Albany Community Land Trust, and the Affordable Housing Partnership.

With funding, the Albany Community Development Agency will work to produce 150 affordable, lead-safe units for low income households in the City. ACDA and its partners are striving to create safer, healthier neighborhoods for individuals and families. It is essential that residents have safe, uncontaminated housing available for their families, and I support the ACDA's work to make this a reality for everyone. I applaud the Albany Community Development Agency for its foresight and sincerely hope the application meets with your approval.

Thank you for your consideration. For additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or my Grants Director, Marissa Emanuel, in my Washington office at 202-224-6542.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer  
United States Senator