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The Honorable Richard Durbin
United States Senate
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The Honorable Tim Scott
United States Senate
717 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Senators Durbin and Scott:

On behalf of our nearly 5,000 member hospitals, health systems and other health care organizations, and our clinician partners – including more than 270,000 affiliated physicians, 2 million nurses and other caregivers – and the 43,000 health care leaders who belong to our professional membership groups, the American Hospital Association (AHA) is writing in support of your legislation, the Lead-Safe Housing for Kids Act of 2017 (S. 1845).

Lead exposure in infants and young children is devastating to brain development and can result in permanent brain damage. While important progress in reducing lead exposure has been made, the risk continues, particularly in older housing and communities. The most critical step in preventing lead exposure is identifying which homes and communities have lead, and removing lead before children are exposed. The Lead-Safe Housing Act for Kids Act of 2017 does exactly that, with a focus on low-income housing. Your legislation would prevent lead exposure and result in healthier children and communities.

We applaud your leadership on this issue and look forward to helping you move this bill forward.

Sincerely,

/s/

Thomas P. Nickels
Executive Vice President

