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May 21, 2013

Mr. Tim Kasten  
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Dear Mr. Kasten:

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) would like to affirm its support of the goals and objectives of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint (Global Alliance) and is pleased to join as an official contributor to the work of the Global Alliance.

CDC currently co-leads the Global Alliance's "Health Aspects" focal area and serves on the Interim Advisory Committee, and we expect to support other focal areas as well, through contributions of in-kind technical expertise. We see this as an opportunity to develop synergies between CDC's domestic work to prevent exposure to lead from paint and the coordinated efforts of the Global Alliance.

Additionally, CDC continues to partner with other U.S. federal agencies on evidence-based healthy homes and lead exposure prevention policies, and we will share any relevant information that may contribute to the work of the Global Alliance. Through our shared technical expertise and knowledge, we can make a positive impact on global health, particularly the health of children.

We understand that this letter of intent is not legally binding and that a copy of this letter and CDC's name will be publicly listed on the Global Alliance website. We look forward to continuing our partnership and working together to reduce exposure to lead from paint around the globe.

Sincerely,

Thomas R. Frieden, M.D., M.P.H.  
Director, CDC

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Geneva, 1 July 2013

**Subject:** Recognition of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)'s contribution to the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint

Dear Dr. Frieden,

Thank you for your letter on May 21, 2013 with regard to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)'s support of the goals and objectives of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint (GAELP) and your intent to become an official contributor to the work of the GAELP.

The Global Alliance is currently focusing on efforts to eliminate exposures to the most vulnerable populations into priority actions to address the gaps identified in the GAELP's business strategy. Priority actions for 2012-2013 and 2014-2020, drawn from all focal area workplans, including the "Health Aspects," establish the foundation for achieving the goals and objectives of the Global Alliance. I am therefore pleased to welcome CDC as an official contributor to GAELP and have enclosed the necessary formal letter, signed Dr. Neira (World Health Organization) and by me, attesting to this.

I would like to thank CDC's involvement in the "Health Aspects" focal area of work of the GAELP, and its involvement in the Interim Advisory Group, through the leadership and professionalism of Mary Jean Brown, and look forward to continued collaboration as we address the risks posed by lead, and lead paint, across the globe. Whether it is through data, statistics, and surveillance, such as blood lead testing reports, or by working with other US Federal Partners such as the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), I appreciate the technical expertise and knowledge that CDC can contribute to GAELP.

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cc. Mary Jean Brown, Chief, Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch, CDC

Enc. Official letter: Recognition of CDC's contribution to the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead paint and copy of the Operational Framework of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint.

I also recently came across a scientific article in Environmental Health Perspectives, on the economic costs of childhood lead exposure in low- and middle-income countries (LMIC) that was funded by National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS). They estimate that the burden associated with childhood lead exposure in LMIC amounts to 1.20% of world GDP in 2011.

Both the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and CDC were cited several times based on our activities on addressing risks posed by lead, including our Partnership for Clean Fuels and Vehicles.

Through the Partnership for Clean Fuels and Vehicles (PCFV), UNEP has spearheaded the phasing out of the use of lead in gasoline, which has substantially reduced human exposure and children's blood lead levels have declined worldwide. When UNEP launched the PCFV in 2002, about half the countries around the world were still using leaded petrol. Now, only six countries remain, and this success stands testament to the fact that lead can be eliminated with sufficient efforts and engagement from all stakeholders. The global benefits of PCFV are estimated at USD 2.45 trillion per year (4% of the world's GDP in 2008) in addition to preventing 1.1 million premature deaths annually.

I believe through such scientific articles not only present a powerful argument to continue the work of GAELP, but also the need to pool global efforts and for mutual collaboration.

I officially welcome you to GAELP, and look forward to continuing working with you through the Global Alliance to reduce exposure to lead from paint around the globe.

Sincerely,

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1 July 2013

Dear Dr Frieden,

**Recognition of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's contribution  
to the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint**

Thank you for your letter and the support expressed for the work of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint (GAELP).

In accordance with the operational framework for the Global Alliance, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will be included in a listing of contributors and will appear on the web site of the Global Alliance together with a copy of the questionnaire you have provided.

The operational framework contains important information pertaining to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's status as a contributor to the work of the Global Alliance. Of particular importance are matters relating to public communication, especially use of the name "Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint", the name, emblem and logo of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the name, emblem and logo of the World Health Organization (WHO). As specified in the operational framework, the express written approval of UNEP and WHO is required before any such use. A copy of the operational framework is attached for your convenience.

We look forward to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's active contribution to the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint and your engagement in the work of this joint UNEP and WHO initiative. Should you have any questions in the first instance, please do not hesitate to send an email to [noleadpaint@who.int](mailto:noleadpaint@who.int) and [lead-cadmium.chemicals@unep.org](mailto:lead-cadmium.chemicals@unep.org).

Yours sincerely,

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