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RE: Request to be considered a contributor to the work of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint

By: E-mail

To whom it may concern;

This letter of intent is submitted by Loyola University Chicago Civitas ChildLaw Center, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL, USA, a non-profit institution of higher learning. The mission of the Civitas ChildLaw Center is to advocate for children's human rights and to prepare lawyers and others to be leaders in the effort to secure justice for children and families.

As part of our work, under the leadership of Professor Anita Weinberg, we have directed a multiyear effort to eliminate childhood lead poisoning in the State of Illinois (see Lead Safe Illinois at www.leadsafeillinois.org). This effort has included legislative advocacy, interdisciplinary collaboration and community outreach and education. The US Environmental Protection Agency has recognized Professor Weinberg for her work in this area. Another aspect of the Center's work involves the promotion of children's rights at a global level. Led by Professor Diane Geraghty, the Center has served as an international consultant to UNICEF in the developing world, including Asia and Africa.

Against this backdrop, the Civitas ChildLaw Center is requesting to be considered as a contributor to the efforts of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint. As an organization and as individuals, we endorse the goals and objectives of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint. Given our mission and experience, we envision our contributions as the promotion of children's human right to health, including the right to be free from exposure to lead paint. Our areas of focus may include legislative and regulatory efforts, public awareness, and technical experience based on lead elimination efforts in our own jurisdiction. To initiate these efforts we have submitted a presentation proposal on the issue of the role of child advocates in the elimination of childhood lead poisoning to Distressed Children & Infants International (Yale University, September, 2013) and have held conversations with Jack Weinberg, IPEN Senior

Policy Advisor (and Valerie Denney) on opportunities to collaborate on their work, with an emphasis on Africa. This letter of intent is the next step in our commitment to contributing to the operational framework of Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint.

We understand that this letter of intent is not legally binding and that a copy of this letter of commitment and the name of Loyola University Chicago Civitas ChildLaw Center will be publicly listed on the Global Alliance website.

Thank you for consideration of the request to become a Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint contributor.

Very truly yours,

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