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Maria Neira
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Dear Ms. Neira:

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) would like to affirm its support for the goals and objectives of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint (Lead Paint Alliance). We are interested in joining the Lead Paint Alliance as a contributor to your efforts.

Lead Paint Alliance's efforts align well with our Agency's prioritization of a multisectoral approach to addressing lead pollution and exposure and its dire impacts on health, child development, and education outcomes, and countries' overall socio-economic development prospects.

USAID is well-positioned to help advance the Global Alliance's objectives by contributing policy and technical expertise, drawing on our development programming in low and middle-income countries in the health, education, and environment sectors. In particular, USAID seeks opportunities to leverage the strong and longstanding partnerships that our Missions enjoy with host governments to catalyze advocacy efforts in 51 countries that have not yet adopted policies and legislative measures to ban lead paint.

We look forward to discussing next steps to join forces with other leading Global Alliance partners to accelerate efforts to end exposure to lead from paint around the world.

Sincerely,



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