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Chicago Housing Authority Statement on Jordan/Collins Case

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The Chicago Housing Authority extends our heartfelt sympathies to the Jordan, Collins and McGee-Collins families. No child should ever face the challenges of lead-based paint poisoning.

We recognize the concerns this case may raise among our current residents about the safety of their homes. Resident safety is our highest priority, and we are taking decisive action.

We can confirm that various remediation work has happened in buildings renovated and redeveloped in the past 20 years, and any historical lead issues which may have existed were remediated during those renovations. CHA is committed to conducting more lead-based paint testing in CHA properties, especially in select older buildings. We are taking the necessary steps to work with our private property managers and directly contacting residents in units, including the 7715 N. Marshfield Avenue scattered site building, where additional testing and remediation may be necessary.

With respect to the Jordan/Collins case, we are adhering to the advice of legal counsel and are unable to provide further comment at this time.

While this case reflects systemic challenges surrounding lead-based paint presence in homes nationwide, CHA recognizes its responsibility to be a leader for change within our own community. We are committed to rebuilding trust by ensuring that all residents feel safe in their homes. Together we can create a safer future for all.