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Secretary Shaun Donovan
United States Department of Housing
and Urban Development
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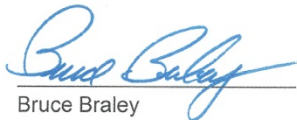
Dear Secretary Donovan:

We write in response to a letter sent to your office on July 1, 2013 from our constituents Brian Houlihan and Jim Graham of the National Association of Child Window Safety. Mr. Houlihan and Mr. Graham have met with all of our staffs to discuss this important issue and Congressman Braley had the opportunity to meet with them personally.

Their letter detailed two changes to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) specifications that they believe will help to prevent the estimated 5000 children that fall through window screens and are permanently injured or killed annually. We respectfully urge you to carefully consider their requests and issue a swift response.

We also ask that you consider scheduling a meeting with our constituents to discuss this matter. They have expressed a desire to meet with HUD officials to further explain how these changes to HUD specifications could prevent future injuries and death caused by children falling through window screens. Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,



Bruce Braley
United States Representative



Amy Klobuchar
United States Senator



Al Franken
United States Senator



Tom Harkin
United States Senator