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LEGISLATORS, COMMISSIONER DELIVER \$250,000 LICAR GRANT

ELIZABETH – Senator Raymond Lesniak and Assemblyman Neil Cohen were joined by Commissioner Joseph Doria, Public Advocate Ronald Chen, Mayor Chris Bollwage, Councilwoman Perkins-Auguste, and Councilman Nelson Gonzalez to present Marvin Lehman and Ruth Brewster of Sharp, LLC with a Lead Intervention for Children at Risk (LICAR) Program grant in the amount of \$250,000.

The LICAR Program is administered by the New Jersey State Department of Community Affairs and aims to provide assistance to owners of pre-1978 housing to control lead-related hazards.

Senator Raymond Lesniak stated, "Many property owners throughout the State are faced with the overwhelming, yet necessary, costs of lead abatement. The State of New Jersey has been proactive to provide assistance through the LICAR grant program and accompanying loan programs." He continued, "I'm proud that my hometown of Elizabeth has been active in these programs and, in fact, is a leader in the state in lead abatement efforts."

Assemblyman Neil Cohen noted, "Lead poisoning impacts everyone, especially young adults and children. Lead intervention programs, like LICAR, empower property owners to take the necessary measures to prevent lead related illnesses."

Assemblyman Joseph Cryan added, "Whether it's protecting a small child or an elderly adult, lead abatement efforts save lives." He continued, "To not do anything is far more costly to families and society and deprives our citizens the chance to lead healthy productive lives."

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