

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

February 11, 2014

Dear Speaker Boehner:

We are writing to request that legislation be brought to the floor that will provide immediate relief to homeowners, and fixes the serious affordability issues with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). We have heard from thousands of Tampa Bay residents who are deeply concerned that these increases will create a significant economic hardship and make it difficult to make ends meet.

Because the Federal Emergency Management Agency implemented the Biggert-Waters without consideration of affordability, some homeowners across the country are facing annual NFIP premiums of \$10,000 and higher, which is an untenable financial burden during these tough economic times and threatens the fragile housing market in Florida. Along with our state's Congressional delegation, Leader Cantor, Chairman Hensarling, and Chairman Neugebauer have been working to build consensus on a solution to this serious threat to the housing market. Without legislation, homeowners will be forced to abandon their homes, putting the housing market's recovery at risk. Further, the loss of homeowners participating in the NFIP will hurt the solvency of the program and put the recent reforms to the program in jeopardy.

In short, the astronomical flood insurance rate increases are putting the economy and housing market's recovery in jeopardy. We support legislation that curtails this pending calamity and request that the appropriate solution be brought to the floor as soon as possible under House rules and practices.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

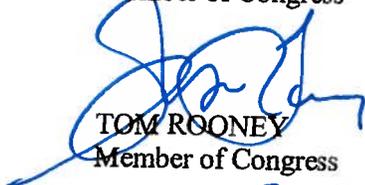
Sincerely,



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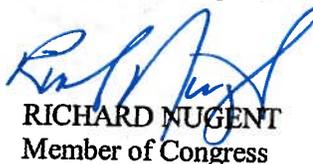
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