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The Honorable Mary L. Landrieu  
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Re: Road Home Disaster Assistance

Dear Senator Landrieu:

Ms. Eva Strausbaugh of the Office of Community Development telephoned on Oct. 15, 2009 to inform my wife and me that we would not be eligible to participate in the Road Home Program because they "cannot make an exception, even in the case of contractor error."

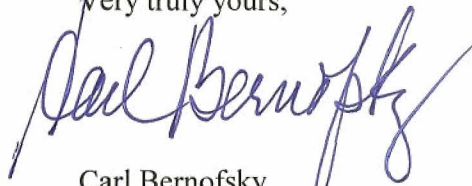
We later received an official letter from the OCD, dated Oct. 20, 2009, affirming that we will not be allowed to complete a Road Home application, and that the Louisiana Recovery Authority had publicized deadlines, although we were never alerted to them and were unaware of their various news releases.

My wife and I believe that those who were dropped from the program through negligence of the original contractor are being discriminated against through no fault of their own. Those individuals should be allowed to register as a remedy for contractor error. As you know, we had been trying to get information about this matter since Aug. 1, 2008.

At this point, we feel that we may have no recourse but to seek a court opinion about OCD's strict "no exception" rule, and we ask whether you know of any other recourse available to us.

We very much appreciate the effort you have thus far made on our behalf and would be grateful for any suggestions you may have.

Very truly yours,



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