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The Honorable Jim Tucker
732 Behrman Highway, Suite C-2
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Re: House Bill 1175 and 1173

Dear Mr. Tucker:

I recently became aware of the referenced bills that concern the issue of funds left over from federal recovery grants, and I wish to call your attention to a matter of pending obligations that may not take effect until after the July 1 sunset of the Louisiana Recovery Authority.

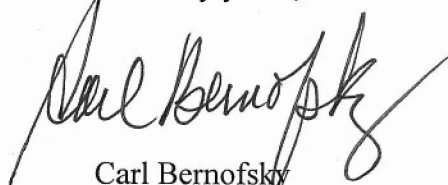
On November 13, 2009, my wife and I filed Civil Action No. 09-1919 in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana, a lawsuit that named the LRA and Office of Community Development as defendants. The suit is a claim for Road Home benefits for which we are eligible but were denied through technical negligence of the Road Home Program.

Judgment in this case is now pending and may not be rendered before the termination of the LRA on July 1, 2010. In the event that judgment is later found in our favor, I am concerned that it may be declared moot because of the non-existence of the LRA or the unavailability of funds in the Road Home Program.

I propose that some provision be made in the referenced bills to retain sufficient funds in the OCD's Road Home Program to cover the possibility of future expenditures in situations like ours, which are pending and may not be resolved until much later in the year.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and will be pleased to answer any questions that you may have.

Sincerely yours,



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