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July 6, 2009

David Voelker
Chairman, LRA Board
Office of Community Development
150 N. 3rd Street, Suite 700
Baton Rouge, LA 70801

Re: Road Home Disaster Assistance

Dear Mr. Voelker:

My wife and I are in our seventies and chose Option 3 to sell our home in New Orleans and move to another location in Louisiana. According to LRA's *Proposed Action Plan Amendment 31*, November 5, 2008, p. 12, "Homeowners who have sold their homes prior to August 29th, 2007 may be eligible if the goals of the Program are met, and a homeowner can demonstrate that he or she remains in a loss situation after selling the damaged property to another party..." (Exhibit 1). This provision was later approved as detailed in a January 23, 2009 Press Release (Exhibit 2).

We first applied to the Road Home Program on May 7, 2006 via Governor Kathleen Blanco's Road Home Registry and received a registry number that we printed and kept for reference (Exhibit 3). During those tumultuous times, we were concerned with maintaining our health and reestablishing ourselves in a new location. Of the money we received from our flood insurance, the major portion went to pay off our mortgage (Exhibit 4). We continued to pay taxes on our damaged property (Exhibit 5), and arranged to have our property gutted. Unable to rebuild at this stage in our lives, we decided to sell.

Eventually, we sold our property to Mr. and Mrs. Randall D. Epperley on February 14, 2007 (Exhibit 6). Our uncompensated loss after the sale was more than \$89,000 (Exhibit 7). The Epperleys renovated the property and, despite the downturn in the real estate market, resold it on or about April 15, 2009 for \$315,000 (Exhibit 8).

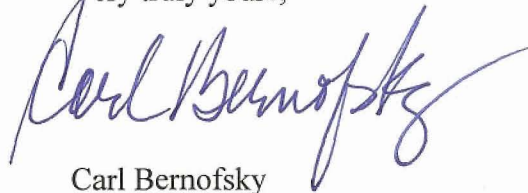
In spite of our previous registration, we were not contacted by Road Home Program. We learned from newspaper reports that senior citizens who sold their Katrina damaged homes would be eligible for assistance. We therefore initiated correspondence with a number of parties whom we felt would be in a position to advise us further.

Those we contacted include: The Road Home Program, August 1, 2008 (Exhibit 9); Road Home Appeals Department, August 19, 2008 (Exhibit 10); Paul Catrou, Office of Community Development, November 11, 2008 (Exhibit 11); and Paul Rainwater, Louisiana Recovery Authority, May 22, 2009 (Exhibit 12). We received no response to our inquiries.

On June 1, 2009, after voicing a complaint to Senator Landrieu's office, I received the first of several calls from Judy Johnson-White of The Road Home Program, who assured me that the Office of Community Development would be processing our case file and contacting us. Thus far, my wife and I have received nothing in writing from either Ms. Johnson-White or the Office of Community Development.

We consider the lack of responsiveness to our case by The Road Home Program to be irresponsible, and it is our hope that we will not be forced to seek a legal remedy in the courts. We respectfully ask that you look into this matter and get back to us with a fair and equitable resolution.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Carl Bernofsky". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Carl Bernofsky
(318) 869-3871

Enc: Documents Relating to The Road Home Appeal of Carl Bernofsky and
Shirley G. Bernofsky

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