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The Honorable Mary L. Landrieu
Chairman, Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery
300 Fannin Street, Suite 2240
Shreveport, LA 71101

Re: Road Home Disaster Assistance

Dear Senator Landrieu:

Your letter of May 22, 2009 concerning the failure to the Road Home Program to address our uncompensated Katrina loss offered a ray of hope to my wife and me. However, as indicated by the update below, there has been no further progress.

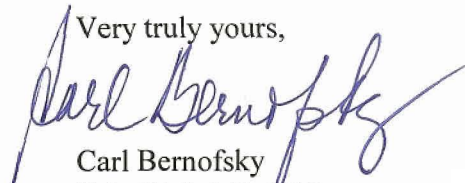
On June 1, 2009, after contacting your Washington office for assistance, I received the first of several calls from Judy Johnson-White of The Road Home Program, who eventually informed me that we did not meet the application deadline for Road Home assistance. We initially registered May 7, 2006 (Exhibit 3), and after hearing nothing, we began sending letters starting August 1, 2008 (Exhibit 9).

Since it appeared that our case was being stonewalled, I sent a request for action to David Voelker, Chairman of the LRA Board, together with a binder of documents to help verify our eligibility for assistance. This binder is enclosed for your reference, and the letter to Mr. Voelker is Exhibit 13.

Another month has elapsed without word from the LRA or the Office of Community Development, and I am uncertain whether this indicates incompetence or foul play, and whether I should consult with an attorney for possible legal action. According to LRA's November 5, 2008 *Proposed Action Plan Amendment 31*, elderly households such as ours are eligible for compensation based on 100% of the pre-storm value of their home (page 10, attached) if their homes were sold prior to August 29, 2007, as was ours (page 12, attached).

The rules and regulations regarding uncompensated Katrina losses for seniors appear to be clear. However, my wife and I remain stymied by the lack of positive response from the Road Home Program, and it will soon be four years since Katrina destroyed our home. I should be most grateful if you can help resolve the blockage that is keeping our case from being processed by The Road Home Program.

Very truly yours,



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Exhibit M
Bernofsky v. Road Home

- Enc: 1. Letter, May 19, 2009 from Carl Bernofsky to Senator Landrieu
2. Letter, May 22, 2009 from Senator Landrieu to Carl Bernofsky
3. LRA, *Proposed Action Plan Amendment 31*, November 5, 2008, pages 9, 10 & 12
4. Documents Relating to The Road Home Appeal of Carl Bernofsky and Shirley G. Bernofsky