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**Congress of the United States**  
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The Honorable John Ashcroft  
United States Attorney General  
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Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

I recently met with several flood victims advocates, all private citizens, who brought to my attention problems within FEMA and the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). I was shocked and appalled after reviewing several of their documents and a video produced by WINK TV. These documents and video contain very serious allegations of wrongdoing within the program, in concert with its private administrative contractor and private insurance company partners.

I was even more troubled to learn these private citizens have now found Congressional testimony (enclosed) detailing a potential conflict of interest between the DHS Inspector General's office and the insurance industry. The testimony makes clear the insurance industry lawyer representing virtually all of the private insurance company participants in the NFIP also trained the NFIP adjusters and IG Special Agents. All the while Congress has been waiting for an IG report requested by Senator Mikulski in April, yet these same citizens tell me virtually no interviews have been conducted.

Attached you will find a letter from former Presidential appointee J. Robert Hunter. Mr. Hunter is a former Federal Insurance Administrator and Texas Insurance Commissioner. He concludes that if the practices uncovered by the private citizens are as documented, fraud may have occurred on a large scale.

A strong connection appears to exist between the problems uncovered and low-ball settlements which have left my constituents living in FEMA campers for fourteen months after Hurricane Isabel. These families are now facing a second winter in unimaginable conditions, as a result of failing to receive insurance proceeds from a program funded solely by their premiums. They are left in limbo unable to rebuild their homes and lives.

I believe these are extremely serious matters. It is unthinkable the burden of investigating industry giants has been permitted to fall upon the backs of private citizens. I request you take every appropriate action to investigate the policy sales, use of premiums, and claims handling practices carried out by the NFIP, its contractors and business partners promptly. Please contact Brent Robinson of my staff at (202) 225-4261 with questions.

With kind regards, I remain

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress

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