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To All Members of Congress:

On behalf of our organizations, we want to share with you our respective memberships' frustration with the fact that Congress, on May 31, 2010, again allowed the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) to expire—the third time this year. We urge you to immediately reauthorize the program.

Five and a half million taxpayers depend on the NFIP as their main source of protection against flooding, the most common natural disaster in the United States. Without flood insurance, no federally-related mortgage loans may be made in nearly 20,000 communities nationwide.

The frequent lapses in the NFIP program are undermining homeowner and commercial property owner confidence in this vital program. Given the fragile state of residential and commercial real estate markets, Congress should take immediate action to restore confidence in the NFIP through a long-term, stand-alone extension.

The NFIP is critically important to American citizens and the U.S. economy. We urge you to immediately approve a reauthorization and extension of the NFIP and avoid exacerbating the uncertainty for taxpayers who rely on the NFIP to insure residential and commercial properties.

Sincerely,

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American Resort Development Association
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