

Senator Brandes,

Thank you for your leadership in addressing the flood insurance crisis in Florida. The city/town of _____ is home to _____ residents, many of whom will be adversely affected by the significant increases in flood insurance rates required in the Biggert-Waters Act.

As municipalities work to create communities that are a great place to live, work and play, the long-term consequences of these dramatic rate increases will only serve to create a climate within cities that will stagnate or at worse, reverse local economic initiatives by placing a financial burden upon homeowners and businesses that they simply can't afford.

The Florida League of Cities supports state legislation that removes impediments and creates appropriate market conditions for more private sector insurers to compete in the flood insurance market so as to provide coverage for Florida residents based solely on Florida's experience. The city of _____, joins with the League in supporting this policy. However, we respectfully request that you support Municipal Home Rule Authority by insuring there are no unintended consequences or mandates placed upon local governments with the implementation of this legislation.

We look forward to working with you on this issue during the upcoming session. Again, thank you for your leadership and please do not hesitate to call upon myself or our staff as you continue to work on this legislation.

Signed,

_____, Mayor