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Mr. Garrett Walton
Chair – Windstorm Mitigation Study Committee

Dear committee members;

In 2002, an industry coalition report for wind damage mitigation and to attract insurance companies back to Florida and was made to the DCA and OTTED. The attached report summarizes the findings of from 20 companies whose ideas and recommendations were focused on the most expedient short term route to new starts mitigation and longer term mitigation through retrofitting. A copy is presented to each of you.

The report identifies the greatest counties at risk and suggests, an action plan, and public/private method to achieve widespread use of the technologies available today as well as the method to train inspectors and accelerate inspections of buildings made to a higher standard. Several incentives for builders and homeowners that could be implemented by the State and the Counties were outlined, and a coordination office with ombudsman function was structured in shown in an organization chart.

Several suggestions were made for funding and tax relief that not only identified the source of funds but also funding mechanisms that could promote storm proof buildings and centers constructed to category 5 production levels in every community.

While our company manufactures glass fiber replacements for wood, steel, and concrete block that build at a lower cost than wood with 350 MPH wind protection the attached recommendations do not promote any product but rather give appropriate guidelines. CBS is currently with most of the recommendations in the attachment in both Louisiana and Alabama where land for the construction technology centers have been identified, permitted, and bond issues in process. We believe that the recommendations work.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent the findings from the 2002 industry coalition.

Very truly yours
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