



LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

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Hon. Roy E. Wright
Deputy Associate Administrator for Insurance and Mitigation
Federal Emergency Management Agency
500 C Street, SW
Washington, DC 20472

Dear Deputy Associate Administrator Wright:

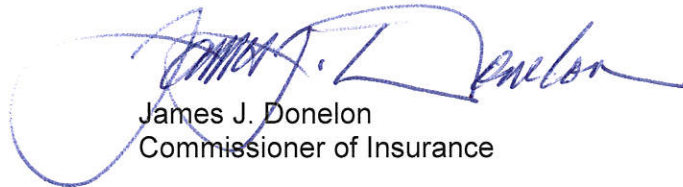
I am writing to request on behalf of the thousands of National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) insured property owners across Louisiana impacted by recent flooding an extension of the Proof of Loss deadline contained in their policies. These areas have been severely impacted by the rising waters of the Bayou Lafourche, Ouchita, Tangipahoa, Tchefuncte, Bogue Falaya, Bogue Chitto, and Pearl rivers and others as well as heavy rainfall across the state. Many have been forced to evacuate their homes and additional rainfall could delay their attempts to return home delaying further their ability to start the process of filing a claim under their NFIP policy. Damage assessments are ongoing in many parishes with 36 having received a federal disaster declaration from President Obama.

Following the flooding of the Red River in 2015, which caused extensive damage in northwest and central Louisiana, FEMA authorized an extension to its initial 60-day filing deadline, increasing policyholders' time to file to 240 days from the time of their loss. I am respectfully asking FEMA to grant a similar courtesy to homeowners in Louisiana impacted by flooding this year.

I appreciate your consideration of my request and am available to discuss same at your convenience.

With best wishes and kindest personal regards, I remain

Very truly yours,



James J. Donelon
Commissioner of Insurance

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Rep. Garret Graves
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Rep. Cedric Richmond