



LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

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COMMISSIONER

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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 Wright:

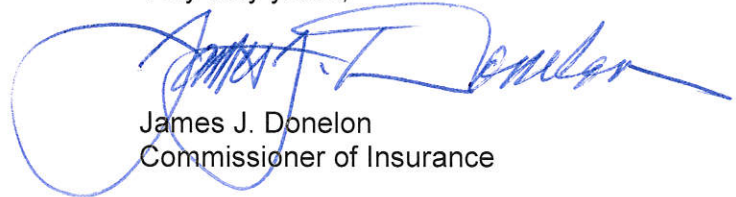
On behalf of the tens of thousands of National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) insured property owners across Louisiana impacted by the August flooding, I am requesting an extension of the NFIP Proof of Loss deadline. As it now stands the earliest deadline for affected policyholders is on October 11, 2016. More than 22 Louisiana parishes have been severely impacted by the widespread flooding and many homeowners and businesses owners are still in the rebuilding and recovery process and unable to return to their properties.

Following the flooding our state experienced this spring, FEMA authorized an extension to its initial 60-day Proof-of-Loss filing deadline, increasing policyholders' time to file to 120 days from the time of their loss. I am respectfully asking FEMA to grant a similar courtesy to homeowners and businesses impacted by the recent flooding.

While close to 30,000 policyholders have already filed NFIP claims, there is the strong possibility that more families may be unable to file the required Proof-of-Loss form by the deadline. 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. Charles Boustany  
Rep. John Fleming  
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Rep. Cedric Richmond