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Attorney General John Ashcroft
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

I ask you to give all due consideration to the enclosed letter regarding the National Flood Insurance Program. This group of North Carolinians, including Mark Childress, Beth Midgett, and Fred Gentry, have raised many issues pertaining to the program. They took the time to visit my office in Washington, D.C. and speak with my staff about these issues. In this meeting, they informed my staff that the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Inspector General has been unresponsive to them. They have made some serious allegations regarding the oversight of the NFIP, and I ask you to take appropriate action to address this matter.

The group also expressed their concern that there are still many flood victims from Hurricane Isabel, which struck North Carolina over a year ago, who have yet to have their claims resolved. Thank you for your attention. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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