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Mr. Steven J. Kanstoroom

Dear Mr. Kanstoroom:

Pursuant to our recent discussion, I do recall the July 30, 2004 meeting in my Senate office with Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC) General Counsel Harvey Bernstein and his associate, in addition to Maryland Assistant Attorney General Kathleen Birrairie and advocate Beth Midgett. The meeting lasted more than three hours, covering the points you made in your letter dated November 20, 2004, in addition to other sensitive issues. I certainly was left with the distinct impression that Mr. Bernstein left my office fully comprehending the breadth, gravity and significance of what you and Beth Midgett brought to his attention. It is most disturbing to me to learn that CSC has not yet acted upon the information you and Ms. Beth Midgett provided at our July meeting.

One of the most striking pieces of information you presented concerns the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) training disparity. Based on the documents and your first hand account, it certainly appeared that CSC was training sales agents to inform clients that they will be made whole, while simultaneously training flood adjusters to allow for only very limited types and amounts of coverage.

The information regarding the fuel oil contamination was also quite alarming, particularly given that weeks later Governor Ehrlich announced the state had just completed cleaning up 600 tons of contaminated soil. To think the state hauled people's front yards away due to the toxicity, yet victims have been left to live in houses knowingly contaminated with such toxic and suspected carcinogenic substances is unconscionable.

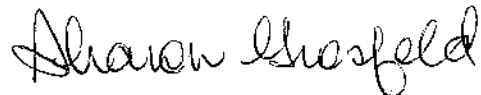
Based upon the material you presented, I am happy to hear that Senators Mikulski, Sarbanes and Congresswoman Joann Davis have asked Secretary Ridge to

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intervene. I am grateful to learn that at least at this point in time our Maryland Senators, along with Senators Dole, Allen and Congresswoman Davis have also called for a Department of Justice investigation into the NFIP, its contractor and private insurance company partners.

I appreciate the assessment of the situation made by the former Federal Insurance Administrator and Texas Insurance Commissioner J. Robert Hunter, and commend you and Beth Midgett for your relentless efforts on behalf of the many victims still suffering needlessly. Thank you for persisting on behalf of those victims who are not in a position to fight to protect their own interests. Please let me know if I can help you in any way.

Sincerely,


Senator Sharon Grosfeld

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