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The Honorable Nydia Velazquez
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Rep. Velazquez:

On behalf of the National Association of Professional Insurance Agents (PIA National)¹, thank you for your efforts to reform the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). PIA National is pleased to support your bill, the “National Flood Insurance Program Administrative Reform Act,” and encourages the committee to pass it during today’s markup.

Your legislation includes many of the priorities PIA National has been advocating for, such as making commonsense reforms to the policyholder appeals procedure, improving aspects of the claims process, and creating a Federal Flood Insurance Advisory Committee with insurance agent representation. Perhaps most notable for PIA members is the section strengthening the disclosure requirements for standard flood insurance policies. This provision will make the options for and limitations of a standard flood insurance policy clearer to policyholders and include a disclosure acknowledgment sheet that will protect independent agents selling NFIP policies.

PIA National urges the committee to include your bill in the broader NFIP reauthorization legislation. PIA National looks forward to continuing to work with you on this matter. If we can be of additional assistance, please contact Jon Gentile, PIA National vice president of government relations, at jonge@pianet.org.

Sincerely,

Mike Becker
Executive Vice President and CEO
PIA National

¹ PIA National represents independent insurance agents in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia.