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The Honorable Sandra Adams
The Florida House of Representatives
2074 Winter Springs Blvd.
Oviedo, Florida 32765-9347

Dear Representative Adams:

I am pleased to provide you with a brief update on the status of the My Safe Florida Home program, wisely created by the Legislature in 2006. The response from and participation of the public in this historic program has been a resounding success!

As you know, the My Safe Florida Home program started as a pilot program before I arrived in Tallahassee. Since that time, the program has evolved into a high volume, consumer-focused, and accountable program that has generated important benefits to thousands of homeowners. As an avid supporter of this innovative program, I wanted to share with you the enclosed DVD highlighting the feedback we have received from homeowners participating in the program.

As of September 5th, we have encumbered grant funds for nearly 40,000 homeowners. Nearly half of these homeowners have been reimbursed and are now more secure in their homes. We have also signed up more than 400,000 Floridians statewide for free wind inspections. Approximately 60 percent of homeowners who have received an inspection are eligible for an average savings of \$220 on their insurance without taking any further action.

I strongly support the continuation of the My Safe Florida Home program and would urge your support of at least \$25 million in funding to help us serve another 100,000 homeowners with free inspections and retrofit an additional 2,500 low-income homes in hurricane-hazard areas.

Thank you for your vision in creating this program. In these challenging economic times, a renewed commitment to hardening homes against hurricanes is a wise investment for Floridians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex Sink".

Alex Sink

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