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Ms. Tricia Ford  
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Dear Ms. Ford,

The Brunswick County Board of Commissioners are writing to register our strong protest concerning the proposed 25% increase in property insurance rates for residents of our County. In addition, we are concerned about the lack of sufficient public notice concerning this increase and respectfully request another public hearing be held on this proposal in order that, on behalf of our citizens, we can publicly testify in opposition to this increase.

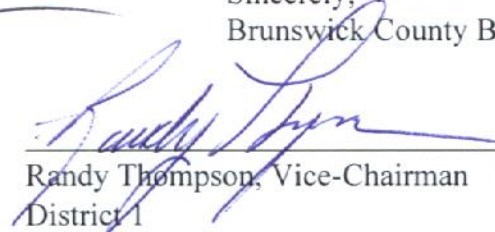
We do not believe that there is experiential data that would support such an extraordinary increase. Damages from last year's storm were much more extensive inland than in Brunswick County. We request a summary of the justifications submitted by the insurance carriers to substantiate this increase. This is but the latest of significant increases sought by the insurance industry and it is our belief they are well compensated for the risks they insure against.

We also request that the insurance commissioner schedule another public hearing in order to permit local governments to testify about the negative impacts this increase would have on our communities and economy. To our knowledge, we received no direct notification of the public hearing on this significant increase, and did not learn of it until an article appeared in a local newspaper after it had already occurred. A comment period coinciding with the holidays inhibits rather than encourages public input, and we request that another hearing be scheduled.

Sincerely,  
Brunswick County Board of Commissioners



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