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Dear Elected Official:

Over the last several years we have seen the devastation that natural disasters can cause. Maryland, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama have all experienced the devastation wrought by hurricanes in recent years. Therefore, I think it is important that all Marylanders be vigilant and take steps to protect themselves and their property in case of such disasters.

In order to assist you and your constituents, I am sending you a copy of the Maryland Insurance Administration's new guide entitled "An Insurance Preparedness Guide for Natural Disasters." The Guide contains information about different types of insurance coverage, provides frequently asked questions for a number of insurance claim scenarios, and lists important contact information for public resources. It also provides simple tips and reminders for consumers.

I have enclosed a copy of the Guide. The guide, "An Insurance Preparedness Guide for Natural Disasters," is also available at the MIA's web site, www.mdinsurance.state.md.us. If you would like additional copies for your constituents, please feel free to contact Joyce Peach of our Consumer Education and Advocacy Unit at (410) 468-2360 or jpeach@mdinsurance.state.md.us.

I trust you find this information helpful. We should never take disaster preparedness for granted. Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions or comments. I can be reached at (410) 468-2090 or sorr@mdinsurance.state.md.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. Steven Orr".

R. Steven Orr,
Insurance Commissioner