

Dear Citizens Not Serfs Member,

This email is an easy way to ask your commissioners some important questions about FEMA downstairs enclosure regulations. Simply grant us permission to send this letter in your name or re-email the letter to your commissioners by following the simple instructions at the end of this email.

Dear Commissioner,

Please explain why you are insisting that Monroe County be treated differently than the other 22,999 FEMA flood insured communities who ARE insured by FEMA but DO NOT have mandatory downstairs enclosure inspections?

We are constantly told that unless we suffer downstairs enclosure inspections that FEMA will stop providing us with flood insurance coverage. However, FEMA has not refused to provide coverage to the other 22,999 FEMA flood insured coastal communities which have downstairs enclosures.

Thousands of other FEMA insured coastal communities do not have downstairs enclosure inspections because their commissioners didn't write similarly burdensome regulations. Why are we making the same mistake our 2002 Commission made by creating and presenting the same destructive regulations for FEMA approval? Why not ask FEMA to look at our very low insurance loss reports for all homes built after 1974 with downstairs enclosures? These figures justify FEMA exempting ALL Florida Keys homes built after 1974 with a downstairs enclosure.

Why are County officials against downstairs enclosures? According to a May 28th article in the The News Barometer, "county officials have admitted through in-house conversations and emails that eventual eradication of non conforming downstairs units is the ultimate goal of the overall flood plain management program and is part of the pitch they will make to FEMA next month" at the June 10th amnesty meeting. These communications say the complete opposite of what you have told us are your goals and the goals of the amnesty program. Please do not tell us one thing and do another. We do not want a sham amnesty program. We want exclusion from downstairs enclosure inspections.

In the very least, why are you NOT mandating an official review of the pilot program from the past 9 years to determine what effect these downstairs enclosure regulations have actually had on our community before asking FEMA to once again approve these same failed regulations?

As the community organization at the forefront of these issues, why have you not invited authorized Citizens Not Serfs representatives to the June 10th meeting or request postponement of the meeting until the pilot program is officially evaluated and open to public hearing?

Commissioner, you must be against forcing our senior citizens and their grandchildren to climb 15 arduous steps to use the upstairs bath when they can safely use the downstairs enclosure bath. We know you are opposed to forcing our Sherriff Deputies and all other gainfully employed citizens who reside in downstairs enclosures out of their affordable homes and onto the street until the county has successfully addressed our affordable housing crisis. Therefore, do not support proposed FEMA flood insurance regulations that include downstairs enclosure inspections.

It seems that the only supporters of the downstairs enclosure inspections are those who support developers who wish to build high rise condos and hotels in the Keys. These downstairs enclosure inspections support developers taking over our community by systematically forcing our full time informed voters out of the Keys. Full time families with a grandparent or a teenager residing in the downstairs enclosure cannot afford to demolish and rebuild their first floor and thus are forced to leave the Keys. Invariably their homes are sold to part time residents who vote along party lines without knowing candidates past deeds. Please fight to protect your citizens rather than the developers and resist the sham amnesty proposal and failed flood insurance regulations.

Thank you for your answers.

Sincerely,

Your faithful constituent

HOW CAN YOU HELP GET THESE QUESTIONS ANSWERED? GRANT US PERMISSION TO FORWARD THIS EMAIL TO YOUR COMMISSIONERS!!

Send us permission to send this letter to your commissioners for you or forward this email to your commissioners to show your disapproval of settling on broken flood insurance regulations and to support Citizens Not Serfs being invited to this upcoming FEMA meeting. Phone numbers for all of your commissioners are also below in case you would like to call and voice your concerns!!

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3. Then we will send the exact, word-for-word letter from above to your commissioners for you.

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Thank you for supporting Citizens Not Serfs. Together, we can save the Keys!!