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FW: Reply from Senator Markey

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From: "U.S. Senator Markey" <senator@markey.senate.gov>**Subject:** Reply from Senator Markey**Date:** October 1, 2013 1:15:26 PM EDT**To:** bertlizmichaud@comcast.netEDWARD J. MARKEY
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(202) 224-2742**United States Senate**

October 1, 2013

Dear Elizabeth:

Thank you for writing to me about the regulatory changes as a part of the Biggert-Waters Act. I appreciate hearing from you on this important matter.

On July 6, 2012, President Obama signed the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act into law. The purpose of the legislation was to reform the National Flood Insurance Program, which was billions of dollars in debt, and to also authorize the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to establish an ongoing National Flood Mapping Program.

I believe that we need to make our communities more resilient and adaptable to the extreme storms and sea-level rise happening now and that climate change will make worse in the future. The damage from Superstorm Sandy and recent nor'easters are the latest examples of the impacts that the combination of sea-

level rise and storms can have on the coastal communities of Massachusetts.

While I support the overall intent of the Biggert-Waters legislation, I have serious concerns about its implementation, especially as the changes intersect with FEMA's ongoing flood map revisions. I have received many reports from residents and small business owners in coastal Massachusetts that the new flood maps could cause insurance premiums to rise to unaffordable heights for many Massachusetts families. On September 26, 2013, I sent a letter to the Congressional leadership seeking actions to address the

potentially disastrous effects of unaffordable flood insurance premium increases. Senator Elizabeth Warren and the entire Massachusetts congressional delegation co-signed the letter, which can be found [HERE](#). I will also continue to work with my colleagues to change the law to ensure that the affordability of these new premiums is addressed.

Thank you very much for your comments on this important matter. I will continue to monitor this situation and will actively work with my fellow Senators to reach a resolution that protects Massachusetts families. Please do not hesitate to contact me about this or any other issue through my website, <http://markey.senate.gov/contact.cfm>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Edward J. Markey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Edward J. Markey
United States Senator