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The Honorable Jim Kennedy
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Dear Jim,

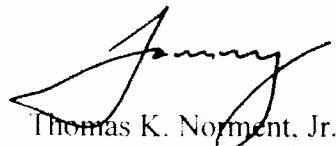
Thank you for contacting me regarding Senate Bill 298, which prohibits an insurance company from canceling, refusing to renew, or increasing rates on a policy on an owner-occupied dwelling solely because the dwelling was built using defective drywall. SB 298 was sponsored by Senator John Miller and referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor, where it passed with a vote of 11 – 1. I supported SB 298 and am pleased to inform you that, on February 1, 2010, SB 298 passed in the Senate.

Similarly, I sponsored Senate Bill 523, which also applies to homeowners affected by faulty Chinese drywall. SB 523 authorizes funds from the Virginia Disaster Response Fund to be disbursed to political subdivisions for the removal of hazardous materials from, and subsequent repair of, dwelling units. Within the Committee on General Laws and Technology, SB 523 was passed by a 15-0 vote. On January 27, 2010, SB 523 was passed by the Senate with a vote of 33-7.

As James City County's representative in the Virginia State Senate, I recognize the importance of this legislation in regard to the challenges faced by homeowners dealing with the impact of defective Chinese drywall. I thank you for your support of this legislation and encourage you to continue tracking these bills online at <http://leg1.state.va.us/>, or by contacting me at my office with further questions or concerns.

Thank you again for contacting my office. Please do not hesitate to contact me in the future if I may ever be of further assistance. With kindest regards, I remain

Very truly yours,


Thomas K. Norment, Jr.