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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Timothy F. Geithner
Secretary
Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20220

Dear Secretary Geithner:

When Tropical Storm Irene hit Vermont on August 27th, roads, historic covered bridges, farms and homes were damaged or destroyed. Vermonters have come out in force to help their neighbors recover from the destruction, but additional support is needed.

Estimates show that 700 homes were flooded by the storm waters, leaving far too many Vermonters homeless. Currently, a number of Housing Credit-financed units in the state remain unused but cannot be accessed by many storm impacted Vermonters because of the program's income requirements. I write in support of the State of Vermont's request for a waiver from certain Low-Income Housing Credit requirements for those storm victims, as was recently provided to Alabama in Notice 2011-65.

Easing the restrictions on the program's income limitations will be instrumental to addressing the immediate housing needs of families who have lost their homes. Enclosed please find a copy of Governor Shumlin's request as well as Notice 2011-65 regarding the Alabama waiver request.

Thank you for your close attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

PETER WELCH
Member of Congress