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Dear Lee County Property Owner:

Many homeowners in Lee County are experiencing the anxiety of dealing with defective Chinese drywall in their homes. People have been displaced and their lives disrupted. Unlike calamities such as hurricanes, flooding, and fire, defective Chinese drywall is a new disaster of sorts, but with some of the same consequences. Remediation or reconstruction can make your home uninhabitable, while costing many thousands of dollars.

In just a few days, you will receive your annual notice of proposed property taxes (TRIM Notice) in the U.S. Mail. **It is important to remember that the values on your TRIM Notice reflect the value of your property as of January 1, 2009.** Unfortunately, Florida Statutes and the rules regarding property taxes remain in effect in the face of this terrible economy and Chinese drywall fiasco. Many of you with the defective drywall in your homes have called my office and asked if your property values will be adjusted. As your elected Property Appraiser, it is my constitutional duty to work on your behalf regarding any issues concerning ad valorem assessments.

I am currently researching the possibility of property tax relief for those who can document the existence of defective Chinese drywall in their homes. If you believe your home is affected, we need to know about it. Please complete the survey on the back of this letter and return it to us via U.S. Mail (Lee County Property Appraiser, ATTN: Field Services, PO Box 1546, Fort Myers, FL, 33902), fax (239-533-6107), or e-mail (ChineseDrywall@leepa.org) as soon as possible. We will soon have the form available on our website, www.leepa.org. The initial review for each case reported to my office will be based on the merits of the documentation you provide. **It is important to emphasize, it is the property owner's responsibility to submit documentation to this office.** Any information pertaining to the 2009 tax year must be received in this office by September 8, 2009 at 5 p.m.

Here at the Lee County Property Appraiser's Office we take our obligation to work for you seriously.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "K. M. Wilkinson".

Kenneth M. Wilkinson, CFA
Lee County Property Appraiser

2009 CHINESE DRYWALL SURVEY

Please return this completed form (in its entirety) along with your documentation to:
Kenneth M. Wilkinson, CFA, Lee County Property Appraiser, P O Box 1546, Fort Myers, FL 33902, Attention: Field Services

Documents must be received by September 8, 2009

If your home SUSTAINED DAMAGE due to defective Chinese drywall, WAS THE CONSTRUCTION / REPAIR COMPLETE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2009?

Yes _____ If Yes – repairs were complete as of January 1, 2009, no building assessment reduction can be made to the 2009 assessed value. Please complete the property and contact information below and we will note the status in our files. **Thank you and we will advise you in the future if there is a change that allows us to review your value!**

No _____ If No – the damage was not repaired as of January 1, 2009. This may affect the 2009 assessed value. Please complete the property and contact information below and we will note the status in our files. In addition, we will need the following information to review your value:

Is the property uninhabitable? _____ If "yes", please list the date you moved out: _____

Do you intend to repair the damage? _____ If yes, please list the anticipated completion date: _____

PLEASE PROVIDE THIS OFFICE WITH ANY DOCUMENTATION YOU HAVE SUPPORTING YOUR CLAIM.
Documentation includes but is not limited to: Air Quality Reports, Contractor Repair Estimates, FEMA Reports, Home Inspection Reports, Insurance Reports, Permits Issued, Photographs taken etc. **Documentation is required** and we will review the documents during our review of the property value.

For all owners, please provide the following Property and Contact information so that we may update our files and be able to contact you regarding your property damage:

Property Owner Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____

Daytime Phone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Property (STRAP) Parcel ID# _____

Physical Address: _____

Street Number Street Name Unit/Apt. #

City State Zip

***Current Mailing Address Requested ***

*** If this is a temporary mailing address, it is the responsibility of the property owner to notify the Property Appraiser of any future changes to the mailing address record Please notify this office in writing, or by using the online address change feature available at www.leepa.org.*

Street Number Street Name Unit/Apt. #

County City State Zip

I certify that the above information and attached documentation are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Property Owner Date

Please return this completed form (in its entirety) along with your documentation to: Kenneth M. Wilkinson, CFA, Lee County Property Appraiser, P O Box 1546, Fort Myers, FL 33902, Attention: Field Services

Please make a copy of this submission for your records.

Documents must be received by the Property Appraiser no later than September 8, 2009