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Subject: Conference call with Bill Nelson's office on Promenade vs Chinese Drywall
Attachments: 090709 CPSC Drywall Monthly Status Report.pdf; 090616 FINAL Letter to IRS.pdf

For those that don't know, I am the president of a condo association that has 80 units with tainted Chinese drywall and I have been working tirelessly to work through the issue. Our association's legal counsel set up a conference call with Bill Nelson's office today to discuss the enormous problems that the condo association is facing. I explained our situation in detail and they listened with sincere empathy. Chris Day, State Legislator, joined the call and provided an update. It may not seem like it but there is a lot of effort to figure this out and to provide help where needed.

The last page of the attached report mentions 2 unconfirmed fire incidents related to Chinese drywall. He explained that this had to do with the stove controls going from low to high apparently due to the corrosion affects and the fire was contained to the stove surface. Their biggest fear is the combination of fire hazards with the malfunctioning of smoke alarms and they are looking into both. For my past clients that are still living in your home, be sure to test your smoke alarms and don't leave your stove on and unattended.

He mentioned the health studies have been too slow to produce results and there were no conclusions to currently report. The appropriations committee has given the House \$7M and the Senate \$8M towards investigation and testing. HUD and another agency are revamping mortgage programs. Developing funding sources for remediation is one of the top priorities. CPSC is the lead agency. Chris mentioned that drywall removal was the only solution. A remediation protocol is set to be released in 2 to 3 weeks. I am part of a group that has formed to develop a program to remediate Green utilizing the LEED remodel program, FGBC or similar to help counter the tainted stigma. We will coordinate with the group developing the standard protocol.

See e-mail below for links to CPSC website. There is some good information and a link to sign up for e-mail alerts. Additionally, the resource page of my website is a good one-stop shop for information and important links.

I am trying to form a Chinese Drywall Condo Coalition for associations dealing with Chinese drywall if anyone knows any other associations dealing with this issue so we can exchange resources. It makes it especially tough because our association is responsible for the drywall on the perimeter walls and the unit owner is responsible for the interior partitions.

I took the liberty to add some additional contacts to my news group that I thought would be interested in Chinese drywall information. Feel free to let me know if you would like to be removed.

Good luck to those dealing with the issue and let me know if I can help.

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See attached from Michelle....

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Jeff,

It was great chatting with you and Howard earlier today. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance to you. The link to the CPSC website is: <http://www.cpsc.gov/info/drywall/index.html> Or website: <http://www.cpsc.gov/info/drywall/index.html>

Have a Good One!

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