



CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

MAYOR  
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

May 18, 2012

Mr. Tom Grady  
Interim President and Chief Executive Officer  
Citizens Property Insurance Corp.  
2312 Killlearn Center Boulevard  
Building A  
Tallahassee, Florida 32309

Dear Interim President Grady:

I am writing to express my concerns related to a proposal being considered by the Citizens Property Insurance Corporation's Board of Governors to increase annual rates beyond the 10 percent per year approved by our State legislature. Like many residents of Miami-Dade County, I have closely followed the discussion of the proposed plan. I find the suggestion at yesterday's Board of Governors meeting that Citizens is considering decoupling new policies from existing policies in order to charge higher rates for new policies very troubling and against the interests of all Floridians.

In that regard, I would like to draw your attention to HB 1495, which was approved in 2009 by the State legislature and signed into law by Governor Crist. This statute clearly states that Citizens, "... shall implement a rate increase each year which does not exceed 10 percent." Any deviation from this language violates the clear intent of our State legislature to control the spiraling increases in insurance rates faced by the residents of our state.

I realize this is a difficult issue, but singling out new policies to carry a higher burden of insurance costs will have a devastating effect on the State's ability to attract businesses and create much needed jobs. We should all be looking for proposals that draw new businesses and new residents to our state, not proposals that act as deterrents. As currently envisioned, the proposal is not good for our State and definitely not good for the new businesses we hope to attract to Miami-Dade County.

It is my recommendation that you reconsider the proposed plan and take a more measured approach as established by our state legislature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carlos A. Gimenez", is written over a horizontal line.

c: The Honorable Rick Scott, Governor, The State of Florida  
The Honorable Mike Haridopolos, President, The Florida Senate  
The Honorable Dean Cannon, Speaker, The Florida House of Representatives  
The Honorable Carlos Lopez-Cantera, Chairman of the Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation  
Members of the Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation