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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Florida House of Representatives

FROM: Speaker Ray Sansom

DATE: January 27, 2009

RE: State Farm Insurance

You may have heard reports today that State Farm has announced that over the next two years it will withdraw from the homeowners' insurance market in Florida. We are very concerned about this development because State Farm writes property insurance coverage for more than 800,000 Floridians. Equally important during these difficult economic times, the jobs of an estimated 5,000 State Farm agents and 15,000 State Farm employees depend upon this company's continued presence in Florida. The company stated that it wants to continue to write auto insurance in our state. State Farm said it intends to submit a proposal to the Office of Insurance Regulation on how it plans to limit disruptions to customers. I have spoken today about this matter to Rep. Pat Patterson, who chairs the House Insurance, Business, and Financial Affairs Policy Committee. He has agreed to invite State Farm representatives to next week's committee meeting to present their plan, and to discuss consequences and solutions.