

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 3, 2012

Edward Demarco
Director
Federal Housing and Finance Agency
1700 G Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20552

Dear Mr. Demarco,

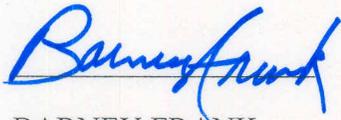
We write as Members of the House Financial Services Committee from Massachusetts in order to give our strong endorsement of the cogent and very important letter sent to you by the Attorney General of our state, Martha Coakley. We fully share Attorney General Coakley's "great concern about Fannie Mae's and Freddie Mac's unwillingness to increase the availability of all modification programs..." As Attorney General Coakley correctly points out, the refusal of an important government agency, under your direction, to join in the effort to alleviate the great distress caused by the current mortgage situation in America "is so troubling." Suffering is being inflicted on a number of individuals, many of whom are in these difficulties through no fault of their own; on the cities in which properties are located; and most importantly, on the entire American economy, which is in the midst of a recovery but which will not enjoy a full recovery until all concerned – yourself included – help with the housing problem.

We note that you have cited your responsibilities under applicable federal law. As Members of the House Financial Services Committee, we and our colleagues wrote the law that was enacted by the Congress in 2008, under which you exercise your authority. And we disagree flatly with the notion there is anything in that statute – or any other federal law – that requires you to withhold your cooperation from this effort to the extent that you have.

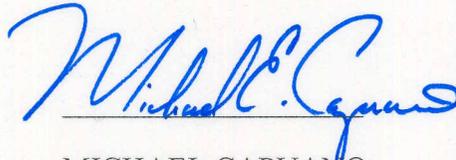
There are different possible options about the best way to react to the current situation, but there is no question that action is better than inaction.

It is of course important for all of us to protect the taxpayers. But taxpayers are not only protected, but they are exposed to further problems when efforts that could enhance the pace of

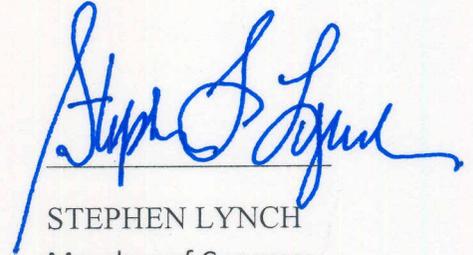
economic recovery are opposed as they have been by your agency. We repeat -- we believe that the Attorney General of our state has made a very strong case, and we urge you as strongly as we can to comply with her requests.



BARNEY FRANK
Member of Congress



MICHAEL CAPUANO
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STEPHEN LYNCH
Member of Congress