

FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY Office of the Director

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Honorable Christopher Dodd Chairman Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs United States Senate 534 Dirksen Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Dodd:

I am transmitting our third report in accordance with Section 110 of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (EESA), titled *Assistance to Homeowners*. Section 110 of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (EESA) directs Federal Property Managers (FPM) to develop and implement plans to maximize assistance for homeowners and encourage servicers of underlying mortgages to take advantage of programs to minimize foreclosures. FHFA is a designated FPM in its role as conservator for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Each FPM is also required to report to Congress about the number and types of loan modifications and the number of foreclosures during the reporting period.

As you will read in the attached, preventing avoidable foreclosures through loan modifications is a top priority at FHFA. We will continue to update, elaborate and expand FHFA's plan to maximize assistance for home owners and minimize preventable foreclosures consistent with the intent of EESA.

Sincerely

James B. Lockhart III Director, Federal Housing Finance Agency Chairman, FHFA Oversight Board

Attachments