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# California State Senate

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**BRIAN DAHLE**  
FIRST SENATE DISTRICT

October 29, 2019



Honorable Ricardo Lara  
Insurance Commissioner  
300 Capitol Mall, Suite 1700  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Fire Insurance Coverage

Dear Commissioner Lara:

I'm contacting you today to encourage you to use your power to place a moratorium on insurance non-renewals to help homeowners keep their insurance coverage.

Hundreds of thousands of hard working homeowners are receiving either cancellation notices or huge increases in the mail from insurance companies. These cancellations put a hardship on homeowners and forces them to seek alternate coverage. Often times the only plan available to them in the California Fair Plan which we know is not only inadequate but also far from affordable. Some of my constituents alone have received renewal notices that are upwards of \$7000 per year in some cases, which becomes unaffordable to them.

This crisis is also starting to have a trickle-down effect into the real estate market as well. Homeowners looking to either buy or sell are finding themselves unable to do so due to the lack of coverage available to them or the cost of limited coverage. When homeowners are approved for a home loan they are now having to try and afford an additional \$500-\$700 per month just for their insurance.

You must act now in order to come up with workable solutions to address this crisis before the California economy takes a hit and we end up with thousands of homes that are left unable to buy or sell. This crisis only adds to our current housing crisis in the state.

Again, I encourage you to add this moratorium and halt these cancellations in order to find a better solution for long term sustainability. If you feel that you don't have the statutory authority to do such a thing, then we should immediately call a special session of the legislature to address this crisis.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 916-651-4001.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian Dahle".

**BRIAN DAHLE**

Senator, 1<sup>st</sup> District