



WATCHDOG



Guarding manufactured/mobile home owner rights

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In early 2020 YOU made the difference in avoiding a bad mobile/manufactured home bill. You wrote and called your Legislators and persuaded them to make changes! Please ENGAGE again!!

The House has restricted access for face to face meetings in the Capitol due to COVID. YOU will make the difference with your outreach to Committee members listed below. Please express your support!!

The Mobile Home Tie-Down Program is scheduled to **END** on June 30, 2021. We MUST pass a law to keep this very important Program in the Florida Statutes. FYI details about the Program are found on Page 2!

Representative Kaylee Tuck, (Lake Placid), has filed **House Bill 423** and she needs FMO help to get it through the House and to the Governor!

1. **House Speaker Chris Sprowls** lives in Pinellas County and needs to know you **SUPPORT HB 423**:
Chris.Sprows@myfloridahouse.gov
2. The members of the Pandemic & Public Emergencies Committee need to know you **SUPPORT HB 423**.
It must pass in order to keep this important Program! Please write or call:

Rep. Tom Leek	Daytona Beach	386-238-4865	<u>tom.leek@myfloridahouse.gov</u>
Rep. Bobby Payne	Palatka	386-312-2272	<u>bobby.payne@myfloridahouse.gov</u>
Rep. Joe Casello	Boynton Beach	561-292-6015	<u>joseph.casello@myfloridahouse.gov</u>
Rep. Melony Bell	Ft. Meade	863-285-1101	<u>melony.bell@myfloridahouse.gov</u>
Rep. Cord Byrd	Jacksonville Beach	904-242-3495	<u>cord.byrd@myfloridahouse.gov</u>
Rep. Chuck Clemons	Jonesville	352-313-6542	<u>chuck.clemons@myfloridahouse.gov</u>
Rep. Fentrice Driskell	Tampa	813-936-0854	<u>fentrice.driskell@myfloridahouse.gov</u>
Rep. Mike Giallombardo	Cape Coral	239-772-1291	<u>mike.giallombardo@myfloridahouse.gov</u>
Rep. Joy Goff-Marcil	Maitland	407-623-1010	<u>joy.goff-marcil@myfloridahouse.gov</u>
Rep. Evan Jenne	Hollywood	954-893-5000	<u>evan.jenne@myfloridahouse.gov</u>
Rep. Amber Mariano	Hudson	727-861-4806	<u>amber.mariano@myfloridahouse.gov</u>
Rep. Fiona McFarland	Sarasota	850-717-5072	<u>fiona.mcfarland@myfloridahouse.gov</u>
Rep. Carlos Smith	Winter Park	407-681-5433	<u>carlos.smith@myfloridahouse.gov</u>

Rep. John Snyder	Hobe Sound	772-545-3481	john.snyder@myfloridahouse.gov
Rep. Geraldine Thompson	Orlando	407-245-0288	geraldine.thompson@myfloridahouse.gov
Rep. Dana Trabulsy	Fort Pierce	772-595-1391	dana.trabulsy@myfloridahouse.gov
Rep. Jay William Williamson	Pace	850-995-3698	jayer.williamson@myfloridahouse.gov
Rep. Ardian Zika	Land O'Lakes	813-929-1001	ardian.zika@myfloridahouse.gov

3. AND! Please contact your own Representative! You have received a **Watchdog** listing your county legislative delegation or go to: www.myfloridahouse.gov Click on Representatives tab at top. All contact information is readily available...call or write their office today to **support HB 423!!**

The Need to Support House Bill 423 in 2021:

- The Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program has assisted manufactured/mobile home owners to strengthen their homes through the inspection and improvement or replacement of their anchoring systems. Between 1999-2019, **279** parks have been served and **44,954** homes have been strengthened to improve wind resistance and mitigate loss. House Bill 423 **extends** the Program for 10 years.
- The HLMP, (s. 215.559, F.S.), **ends** on June 30, 2021. There are **157 parks** on the wait list which represents **46,099** homes. It will take approximately 7 years to address the current wait list.

Explanation of the Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program:

- Current law requires an annual appropriation of \$10 million from the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Trust Fund, (Cat Fund), to provide funding for several hurricane mitigation programs. Funding is NOT from General Revenue!
- By statute, the specified \$10 million is allocated as follows:
 - ✓ \$3.5 million to “to improve the wind resistance of residences and mobile homes, including loans, subsidies, grants, demonstration projects, and direct assistance; educating persons concerning the Florida Building Code cooperative programs with local governments and the Federal Government; and other efforts to prevent or reduce losses or reduce the cost of rebuilding after a disaster.”
 - ✓ \$3 million “to retrofit existing facilities used as public hurricane shelters”
 - ✓ \$2.8 million “to inspect and improve tie-downs for mobile homes”
 - ✓ \$700,000 “to the Florida International University center dedicated to hurricane research”
- The Mobile Home Tie-Down Program is administered by Tallahassee Community College.
- The Mobile Home Tie-Down Program now includes manufactured and mobile homes on private property as well as those within parks and communities.
- This loss mitigation program is essential to support Florida’s affordable housing stock.
- House Bill 423: <https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2021/423/BillText/Filed/PDF>

I need your help as soon as possible!

Respectfully submitted, *Nancy Stewart*