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Rt. Hon. Owen Paterson MP
Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural
Affairs
Defra
Nobel House
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Dear Owen

Flood Insurance

As you are aware, the industry has worked intensively over the last 12 months to develop the components of the ABI's Flood Re proposal to best meet the objectives of the Government, the insurance industry and, most importantly, the needs of those households at risk of flooding.

Over recent months our teams have worked very closely to attempt to bring this work to a successful conclusion, but there are still important issues to resolve before we will be able to conclude our negotiations on a replacement to the Statement of Principles, which expires on June 30th.

In order to give adequate time to address the remaining issues and moreover to ensure that those most at risk of flooding across the UK can continue to access insurance while these negotiations are taking place, ABI members have agreed that they will continue to meet their commitments voluntarily for one additional month until July 31st.

Whilst a deal has not been reached, we are keen to bring negotiations to a conclusion as soon as is practicable.

Yours sincerely

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