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SENATOR MIKE FASANO

11th District

October 22, 2012

The Honorable Rick Scott
The Capitol
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Governor Scott:

When I learned that Citizens Property Insurance Corporation's new president Barry Gilway terminated the entire staff of the Office of Corporate Integrity I was shocked. It has recently come to light that lavish spending on overseas trips, expensive meals and related travel expenses have been racked up by Citizens board members and employees. I am shocked by the action of cleaning out this office because it does little to shed light on how the people who took the trips and the meals were allowed to do so without the scrutiny that quasi-governmental officials should have been given. The Office of Corporate Integrity should be the watchdog, not the scapegoat.

Now that the oversight staff are gone, what are Citizens' plans to bring to the light the practices that lead to the overspending? How will Citizens prevent this from happening in the future. Perhaps most importantly, why was it allowed to happen in the first place? I am asking you, Governor Scott, to ask the inspector General to investigate the entire affair, including the removal of the Office of Corporate Integrity. The confidentiality agreements that terminated employees signed effectively muzzles them from cooperating with investigators. This makes the transparency pledged by the new leadership rather difficult to implement, doesn't it?

There are many qualified individuals and organizations who have the knowledge and expertise to assist in the investigation of Citizens, including the firing of the Office of Corporate Integrity staff. At the very least, don't hesitate to reach out to

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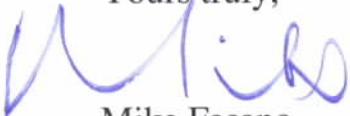
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them for assistance. The truth must come to light. As Florida's largest insurer Citizens owes it to its policyholders to come clean on how these practices developed and why certain actions have been taken to clean them up. Your direct involvement is what is needed at this critical time.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. If you need any additional information or assistance please do not hesitate to call on me.

Yours truly,



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State Senator, District 11

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