

\$4.6 Million water grant provides water services to 400 rural families

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Families interact with political system to deepen democracy



**The Honorable Governor Robert Bentley**  
State Capitol • 600 Dexter Avenue • Montgomery, AL 36130  
January 18, 2011

Dear Sir:  
Please accept our congratulations on your election as Governor. We extend our prayers for your success during the next four years.

During a gubernatorial candidate forum in Spanish Fort last May, you committed to meet with the Homeowners Hurricane Insurance Initiative (HHII) January 27, 2011. We will be happy to send a delegation to meet with you in Montgomery. They will be prepared to deliver all the salient points in a 30-minute meeting.

We understand that many pressing issues demand your time, but urge you to remember your promise on this – one of the most significant problems facing Alabama today.

In so far as this crisis is concerned, HHII is recognized as the best-informed, non-insurance-company-based, grassroots organization in the state. Because of its non-insurance-company basis, it offers unique additional insights and solutions refreshingly more diverse than those proposed by insurance lobbyists and their allies alone. HHII proposals that the insurance department adopt transparency and aggressive, *independent data collection* will be beneficial *for the entire state*.

Senator Ben Brooks and Representative Joe Faust will introduce their well-crafted Property Insurance Clarity Bill in the next legislative session. Its essentially the same as The DOI Transparency Bill, which was introduced last

**Christian Coalition/ ACT-II/ HHI Hurricane Insurance Crisis Gubernatorial Candidates Forum in Spanish Fort, May 22, 2010**

**Robert Bentley**  
May 22, 2010

# Policies / \$ of Claims/premiums--zip code.  
What would you do about this?  
*APPROPRIATE COMMUNITARIAN/GRANDFATHERLY*

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Citizen / non-profit leadership in the DOI  
What would you do about this?  
*DOES ANY? TUFFENOT? (ARBITRARY) OR TAKE  
CUTS FROM TAXES*

Will personally meet with HHII on 01/27/11  
Yes  No

Other comments about insurance crisis

*Robert Bentley for Bob Handberg*  
Robert Bentley HHII - Witness



year. The name has been changed for a couple significant reasons.

Alabama has another opportunity to lead the nation. Mississippi State Senator David Baere said the Clarity Bill will also be introduced in the Mississippi Legislature this year.

HHII has received a \$5,000 grant from the Gulf Coast Fund – a subsidiary of the Rockefeller Foundation. It's to help clergy, housing and other non-profit organizations in Mississippi and Louisiana learn about the problem and solutions.

HHII has conducted more than 75 research meetings. These include several with the Alabama Department of Insurance, insurance consumer groups, insurance agents, and legislators from several parts of Alabama. During the past three years HHII has communicated with more than 3,000 people and organized more than a dozen large, public meetings. Five hundred people attended one such meeting. Two-hundred-and-fifty attended the forum at which you promised to meet with us on January 27.

We look forward to confirmation of our meeting. We are at your disposal regarding time and location. Please call Earl Janssen to arrange the details at 251-955-6191.

Thankfully submitted,  
Earl Janssen and Stan Virden, on behalf of the HHII Steering Board

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**Pastor Bennie Richardson**, Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church  
**Dr. Randy Brinson**, Director, Alabama Christian Coalition  
**The Rev. Dr. Dave Adams**, SW Alabama Ministerial Association  
**Sally Deane**, EMI Director & Baldwin Home Repair Task Force, founding member  
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**Spence Monroe**, Prss, **Martha Taylor**, Ex-vp, & **Starke Irvine**, Gov't Affairs, Baldwin County Association of Realtors  
**Mary McGinnis**, President, League of Women's Voters of Mobile  
**Sr. Judith Smits**, The Quest, Director  
**Carol Peterson**, Executive Women International, Mobile  
**Danny Cooper**, Alabama Association of Realtors  
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**Jeff Amy**, **Frances Coleman**, **JD Crowe** and **George Talbot**, Mobile Press Register  
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State Senators **Ben Brooks & Trip Pitman**  
State Representative **Joe Faust**

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*ACT-ii was started by Bishop Manuel Watson in 1995*