

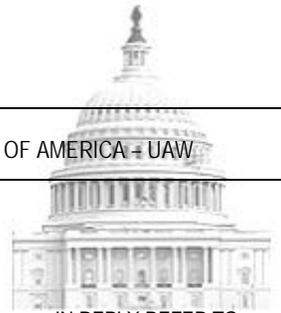


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Dear Representative:

This week the House is scheduled to consider a package of proposals to address the home foreclosure crisis. This legislation includes provisions from legislation sponsored by Representative Conyers (H.R. 200) to allow bankruptcy judges to modify home mortgages. The UAW strongly supports this measure. We urge you to support these provisions and to oppose any weakening amendments.

Nationally, it is estimated that 6,600 families are losing their homes to foreclosure every day. In 2008 alone, over 60,000 UAW members and their families sought assistance with foreclosures and eviction, debt related problems and bankruptcy. Foreclosure cases have increased by 16% from 2006 to 2008. However, like the general public, UAW members have had little success in obtaining meaningful mortgage modifications under current law. Voluntary loan modification programs have not worked.

The UAW believes that the provisions from H.R. 200 would help to solve this crisis. Allowing bankruptcy judges to modify home mortgages would enable distressed homeowners to remain in their homes as their payments get adjusted to better reflect their income and the value of their home. This could prevent hundreds of thousands of foreclosures. This type of restructuring is already available for vacation homes and commercial real estate. In our judgment, it makes sense to extend this option to families seeking to save their primary residence.

Accordingly, the UAW urges you to support the provisions from H.R. 200 allowing bankruptcy judges to modify home mortgages, and to oppose any weakening amendments. Thank you for considering our views on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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