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By Congressman Posey's Office

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The Honorable Bill Posey U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Congressman Posey:

This responds to your letter, dated May 29, 2013, on behalf of your constituent, regarding her allegations of fraud by KB Home.

As a courtesy, we have forwarded your correspondence on behalf of to her local office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"). The FBI is the investigative arm of the Department of Justice upon which we rely to conduct the initial fact finding in federal criminal cases. The FBI will determine whether a federal investigation is warranted. If your constituent has any additional information or if she wishes to follow up with the FBI, she can contact the FBI Miami Field Office by writing to 16320 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, North Miami Beach, Florida 33169; by calling (305) 944-9101; or by visiting online at http://www.fbi.gov/miami/.

Your constituent may also wish to file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC"), which hosts an on-line reporting forum through their Bureau of Consumer Protection's Consumer Sentinel website. Consumer Sentinel is used as a research and investigation resource by government civil and criminal law enforcement agencies to identify patterns of fraud as well as to identify and locate individual scam artists. She can file a complaint online by using the FTC Complaint Assistant, which can be accessed at <a href="https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov">https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov</a>, or by calling toll-free (877) 382-4357 (FTC-HELP).

The Department of Justice cannot provide legal advice to individuals. Therefore, your constituent may want to consult private counsel who can advise her of her legal rights and remedies. If she does not have an attorney or cannot afford the services of an attorney, she can contact her local state bar association to determine if it can refer her to an attorney, a reduced-fee attorney, or resources that offer free legal help. She can contact the Florida Bar by writing to The Florida Bar, 651 East Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399; by calling (850) 561-5600; or online at <a href="www.floridabar.org">www.floridabar.org</a>. The website <a href="www.floridalawhelp.org">www.floridalawhelp.org</a> also provides online access to basic legal resources and attorney information for residents of Florida.

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We trust this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may be of assistance with this or any other matter.

Sincerely, Shauler

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Acting Deputy Chief of Staff