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Josh,

I wish I could describe the level of heat that is building around this insurance issue. Most of it is coming from the business community....real estate associations, developer, and business people of every description. The hurtful message they are giving us is, "Why isn't the governor taking the lead on this?" As you mentioned I can certainly understand why she has her hands full for the next two weeks. My suggestion would be this. Ask the governor to set a date with our business group. In the meantime we will meet with whomever she wants to vet out our recommendations before our meeting with her. In other words I can see the value of us presenting a series of recommendations that have had input from her staff.

The business group is made up of very strong and seasoned business people. What is happening is that every business group in the state is calling us asking for action now. And they are all asking us "Where is the governor? This problem is at near emergency status." Our response is that we know she is interested and we expect her to take the lead role. By simply informing them that the governor has asked to meet with us, we can disarm them for a couple of weeks. Regards, Daryl Ferguson