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**SENATOR BRET ALLAIN CALLS ATTENTION TO UNPRECEDENTED
INCREASES IN CITIZENS WIND & HAIL INSURANCE POLICIES
SENDS LETTER ENCOURAGING ATTORNEY GENERAL TO INVESTIGATE**

District 21 State Senator Bret Allain (R – Franklin) recently sent a letter to Louisiana Attorney General Caldwell encouraging him to give careful consideration when establishing a legal opinion with regard to the statute that governs the setting of rates by Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation.

Sen. Allain says that he is concerned about the magnitude of the recent increases for wind and hail rates in coastal parishes. He writes, “The result of this drastic increase is forcing many of my constituents to choose between keeping their homes or voluntary foreclosure. Even worse is the impact on elderly homeowners who are now forced to choose between food and medication or paying for the wind and hail coverage on their homes.”

Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation says that the rate increase is due to a change in the methodology used to calculate rates; however, Sen. Allain is concerned that the increase may be in violation of law.

On June 7, 2012, the Louisiana Department of Insurance sent a letter the Attorney General requesting a legal opinion on the matter.

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PLEASE SEE ATTACHED LETTER