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TO: All Surplus Lines Licensees

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SUBJECT: Flood Insurance Premium Assistance Task Force; Request for Public Comments; Notice 2024-01

On November 1, 2023, Governor Josh Shapiro signed Act 22 (P.L. 154, No. 22) into law. Section 1.1 of Act 22 establishes the Flood Insurance Premium Assistance Task Force (Task Force) to review and analyze existing statutes, procedures, practices, processes and rules relating to the administration of flood insurance in this Commonwealth. The goal of the Task Force is to provide a report containing recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly to increase flood insurance awareness, accessibility and affordability. Specifically, the recommendations in the report are to address each of the following areas:

- Potential programs that provide premium discounts.
- Potential programs that create incentives for local governments to undertake or continue flood mitigation efforts.
- The implementation of necessary changes in statutes or practices relating to the administration of flood insurance.
- How to educate residents about the risk of flooding and ways to mitigate flood occurrences.
- Steps that should be taken to inform residents about options available when purchasing flood insurance.
- How to increase the number of people that purchase flood insurance.

Act 22 allows the Task Force to accept and review written comments from both individuals and organizations that will assist the Task Force in forming recommendations to increase awareness and access to affordable flood insurance coverage in this Commonwealth. As such, as Chairperson of the Task Force, the Insurance Commissioner is initiating a public comment period on behalf of the Task Force. Click here to visit the page.

Submit all comments to Caroline Beohm, Director of Policy and Planning, Office of the Insurance Commissioner, 1326 Strawberry Square, Harrisburg, PA 17120. Comments may also be e-mailed to ra-in-policyoffice@pa.gov. Comments are requested by February 5, 2024 and will be forwarded to the Task Force for its consideration.