

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 18, 2008

The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Harry:

We are concerned that you plan to begin consideration of the 630-page housing bill as early as today. We are also concerned with recent allegations related to Countrywide Financial, a private entity that by some estimates would receive more than \$2.5 billion in benefits from this bill. We request that you delay consideration until we have adequate time to read the bill and better understand the allegations and how much Countrywide will benefit from the bill.

Sincerely,

Jim DeMint

Paul Brown

Jim Inhofe

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Jim Bunning

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Robert Wicker

Michael B. Enzi

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