



Dear BCAR Members,

Last month your leadership team along with 15 of our colleagues visited our legislators in Raleigh to discuss issues that are important to our industry. We met with Senator Soles and Representatives Iler and Hill and had good open dialogue about the decisions that are being made in Raleigh and the effect they have on our industry. In addition to the State level challenges and issues, we also asked our State Legislators for their assistance in reaching out to our Federal Legislators to get a bill passed for extension of the National Flood Insurance Program.

We would like you to know that we were relentless on this issue and are happy to report that Congress finally passed an extension. This battle is not over however, since this extension will expire September 30 and will be the 4th short term extension of this important legislation. NAR estimated that this delay affected 1200 closings a day, nationwide.

You received the call to action from NAR and then from BCAR personally. Please know that your voice is strong and your Vote is powerful and you definitely had an impact on our legislators in DC. Additionally when I made my many calls directly to Senator Burr's office and Congressman McIntyre's office, it makes a difference when I say, "What is your position and what shall I report to my 800 members?" Thank you for responding to our request to follow up on the calls to action and when you receive them in the future, please keep that going. 87% of our membership here at BCAR vote and that is a strong message. We need a more long term solution to this problem and will continue to encourage our representatives in DC to work to that end.

If you don't think that your voice is heard, please click on this link for a recent story aired on CNN. <http://www.cnn.com/id/15840232?play=1&video=1535032423>

Switching gears, our General Membership Committee put together an excellent meeting last month. I'm sure that those of you who attended left with valuable information in your pocket. I'm sure the August meeting will be just as valuable and I look forward to seeing most of you there.

BCAR On the Rise – Looking Up & Moving Forward,

Mary Ann McCarthy
2010 BCAR President