



SENATOR MAYES MIDDLETON

DISTRICT 11

February 24, 2025

Board of Directors
Texas Windstorm Insurance Association
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Board of Directors,

I write to encourage you to adopt the lowest modeled probable maximum loss (PML). Last storm season, the Board adopted an increase in the PML of nearly \$2 billion. As a result, the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association (TWIA) significantly increased its spending on reinsurance rather than building up the Catastrophe Reserve Trust Fund (CRTF). After Hurricane Beryl, the CRTF has been nearly entirely depleted.

Should you, the Board of Directors, increase the PML at this time, you will leave TWIA unable to build the CRTF, all but ensuring that the Association has to issue public securities and possibly assessments. It would be prudent of the Board of Directors to select the PML as modeled by Impact Forecasting v18 (IF v18). This model would represent a significant decrease in the PML, resulting in a reduced reliance on reinsurance, saving TWIA millions of dollars. This would allow the Association to build the CRTF as the first line of defense in the event of a storm.

As a reminder, the PML is a floor, not a ceiling. The Board choosing to set a floor that is so high it appears to be a ceiling is irresponsible. The legislature has provided tools for the Board to use in determining the probable maximum loss and has allowed the Board to purchase any amount of reinsurance at any point in time. I urge the Board to adopt the lowest PML, IF v18, and consider purchasing reinsurance in excess of the PML at a later date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mayes Middleton". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mayes Middleton
Texas State Senator
Senate District 11