

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 26, 2016

The Honorable John Koskinen
Commissioner
Internal Revenue Service
1111 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20224-001

Dear Commissioner Koskinen:

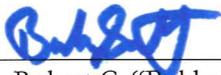
The purpose of this letter is to discuss an important issue affecting many of our constituents. We respectfully request that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) help the victims of Chinese drywall.

As you may know, contaminated drywall has significantly affected more than 3,700 homes across the country. The drywall was manufactured in China and imported to the United States to be used in U.S. home construction from approximately 2004-2009. It contains toxic and semi-toxic substances which release harmful gasses into homes. These gasses have been linked to adverse health conditions and have damaged the plumbing and electrical systems of many homes, making them "unlivable." The financial damage has also been devastating to many homeowners affected by the drywall. On top of mortgage payments, many residents have been forced to pay for rental homes due to the physical damage it has caused. Further, the damage has forced some homes below market value, leaving homeowners with no choice but to walk away from their mortgages. Many families are in financial ruin because of the Chinese drywall.

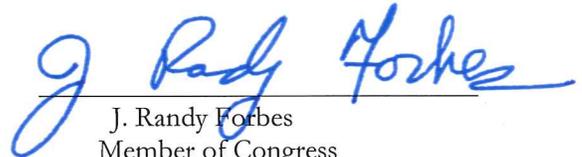
Fortunately, Congress passed and President Obama signed into law the Drywall Safety Act of 2012, which was an excellent first step in assisting the victims. This measure set chemical standards for domestic and imported drywall, established remediation guidelines for disposal of all drywall, and expressed a sense of Congress that China must be held accountable for the damage this product has already caused across America. However, despite this effort, our constituents are still being significantly affected financially by the drywall.

It is for these reasons that we respectfully ask your agency to conduct a review to see if there are any services the IRS can provide, including tax deductions, to help those who have unfortunately had the drywall in their homes. Thank you for your time and attention to our request.

Sincerely,



Robert C. "Bobby" Scott
Member of Congress



J. Randy Forbes
Member of Congress



Robert J. Wittman
Member of Congress



Scott Rigell
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