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The Honorable Stephen Sweeney
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REQUEST TO POST S-532 Sandy Homeowners Protection Act

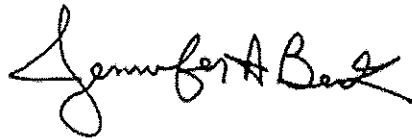
Dear Senate President Sweeney and Senator Sarlo:

I introduced S-532 Superstorm Sandy Homeowners Protection Act more than two years ago in response to the State allowing homeowners to choose their own contractors. While on the surface this seems like a positive, it meant that the State had no contractual relationship with the builders and Sandy survivors subjected to fraud, poor construction, and blatant misrepresentation had no recourse if clear criminal acts were not committed. (See attached, Asbury Park Press)

S-532 would expand the Consumer Fraud Act to allow New Jersey's Department of Community Affairs and the Attorney General to intervene when RREM or LMI contractors employ any unconscionable commercial practice, perform work that fails to comply with the State Uniform Construction Code or the requirements of the RREM program, or one who willfully or unreasonably fails to perform work in a timely manner. Additionally, the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs would have the authority to revoke the Certificate of Registration from a fraudulent contractor and bar them from working in the State of New Jersey.

As of today there are 3,500 Sandy homeowners still working to complete their projects. This legislation is non-partisan and has received bi-partisan support. Sandy homeowners have suffered a great number of injustices; we cannot let their continued plight fall on deaf ears. The Legislature must do everything in its power to step up and protect those who have lost so much. I am calling on you to please post the Superstorm Sandy Homeowner's Protection Act for a vote, to remedy the series of ongoing issues that Sandy victims are facing in their attempt to recover from the storm.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer A. Beck". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a distinct "A" and "B".

Senator Jennifer Beck
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CC: Senator Thomas Kean, Senate Minority Leader
Gene Lepore, Senate Democrat Office
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