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**CITIZENS ISSUES MANAGED REPAIR OFFERS TO MARSHALL THOMAS  
BURNETT CLIENTS TO REPAIR UP TO 600 SINKHOLE DAMAGED HOMES**

TALLAHASSEE, FL – Citizens Property Insurance Corporation has made settlement offers to 600 Marshall Thomas Burnett, P.L. sinkhole policyholder clients to end litigation and allow property owners to begin critical repairs to protect their homes.

Under the terms of the optional repair program, Citizens is offering to end legal proceedings when policyholders agree to repair the homes being affected by sinkhole activity. The settlement offer will allow homeowners to quickly receive professionally recommended repairs while avoiding millions of dollars in potential litigation expenses.

Citizens has agreed to pay for below-ground repairs as recommended by a licensed professional engineer, who will monitor the repair work and direct any additional necessary below-ground repairs. In addition, each policyholder represented by Marshall Thomas Burnett who participates in the settlement will receive a 5-year warranty from the below-ground stabilization contractor.

If a participant in the settlement questions the effectiveness of the completed below-ground repairs, they have the right to choose from a list of licensed professional engineers to re-evaluate the repairs. Also, policyholders will be allowed to choose a contractor from a list of approved contractors for above-ground repairs and Citizens will pay for additional above ground damage caused by the sinkhole repair.

More than 100 policyholders have already agreed to end litigation and make repairs, said Ken Thomas, a member of the firm.

“Citizens and our firm worked diligently in our respective roles,” Thomas said. “Not every clients' case is the same and this offer has not been extended to all of our clients. We will be discussing the terms with each of our clients who have been invited to participate and whether it is in their individual best interests.”

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Chris Gardner, Chairman, Orange County • Gary Aubuchon, Lee County  
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John Wortman, St. Johns County • Barry Gilway, President/CEO and Executive Director

“In many cases, this will work for our clients and repairs can finally be made,” Thomas continued. “It was important that our clients retained their option to accept the current repair offer or continue seeking access to courts in order to protect their homes and families.”

The offer was forged with the help of Citizens’ coordinating counsel, who has been overseeing Citizens’ legal defense strategy on all litigated claims.

“This agreement is a win for homeowners and their neighbors,” said Chris Gardner, chairman of Citizens’ Board of Governors. “Homeowners will get the repairs needed to repair and protect their most valuable asset, while local communities and future buyers will benefit from increased property values and the knowledge that professional repairs have been completed.”

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In 2002, the Florida Legislature created Citizens Property Insurance Corporation (Citizens), a not-for-profit alternative insurer, whose public purpose is to provide insurance to, and serve the needs of, property owners who cannot find coverage in the private insurance market.

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