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Dear Homeowner,

Many of you have called or emailed me recently to inquire about the status of the Johnson County FEMA flood buyout, and we would like to make you aware of a new development. FEMA has announced an implementation of immediate needs funding, and they will prioritize funding until further notice. What this means is the release of the funds that have been set aside for the Johnson County flood buyout and the other communities which applied for these funds has been put on hold. Funds will be released for the purchase of property when an appropriation of additional funds has been approved by Congress. FEMA states that they are working with the Office of Management and Budget to ensure that these funds are appropriated as quickly as possible.

Michelle Price, a representative from Congressman Steve Buyer's office, informed me that funding for our county has not been eliminated, just delayed. She suggested you may contact the offices of Senator Dick Lugar and Senator Evan Bayh to let them know how this is affecting you. The office phone number for Senator Lugar is 317-226-5555, and the office phone number for Senator Bayh is 317-554-0750. It is our understanding that Senator Lugar supports our application to FEMA for federal funds to complete the property acquisition process.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at bgriffin@co.johnson.in.us, or call our office at 317-346-4350. Of course, when I have more information for you regarding this, I will let you know by letter.

Sincerely,

Barbara Griffin

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