



GREATER METROPOLITAN TITLE
Licensed in Ohio & Michigan

SHORT SALE PACKAGE

HARDSHIP LETTER

A hardship letter for a Short Sale is a letter that you write to your bank or financial institution requesting that the bank consider a short sale to stop the foreclosure of your home.

After assembling hundreds of short sale packages we have found that more than any other document, the hardship letter can make or break a short sale. While banks care most about dollars and cents, it is important to remember that the package will be reviewed by an individual loss mitigator. Like the rest of us, this loss mitigator is a real person with real emotions who cannot help but be influenced by a sincere story of hardship.

The letter must include:

- *State the legitimate, special circumstances which have caused you to fall behind on your house payments.*
- *Explain your current situation and what you are doing to try and get back on your feet.*
- *Don't make your situation worse, by complaining to them.*
- *Be honest and represent the facts clearly.*

It is important that you put some effort into writing the hardship letter. A lender will agree to a short sale only when they are convinced that a loss on the property is inevitable. The lender then weighs the cost/benefit of a short sale versus a foreclosure. To qualify for a short sale, the borrower must demonstrate evidence that the mortgage cannot be paid and that the property cannot be sold for what is owed on the property. Although short sale applications are assessed on a case by case basis, short sale approval is easier to obtain from a lender if the following conditions exist:

- *The market value of the property has decreased.*
- *The borrower has experienced a financial hardship.*
- *The mortgage is in default.*

GENERAL INFORMATION FORM

Borrower's Name _____

Email Address

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Work Phone

Fax

Co-Borrower's Name (if applicable) _____

Email Address

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Work Phone

Fax

(If there is a Co-Borrower please use reverse side of page)

PROPERTY ADDRESS: _____

Street Address

City

State

Zip

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Street Address

City

State

Zip

PROPERTY TYPE: _____ Commercial _____ Residential Single-Family _____ Residential Multi-Unit (_____ units)

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

How Many Payments are you behind? _____

How Many Mortgages or Home Equity Lines of Credit exist on the property? _____

1st Mortgage Balance Estimate

\$ _____

Lender

2nd Mortgage Balance Estimate

\$ _____

Lender

Additional Mortgage Balances

\$ _____

Are There Any Existing Liens or Code Violations on the property? _____

If yes, explain: _____

Are There Unpaid Taxes? _____ How Much is Owed? _____

Are You Currently Living in the Property? _____ If not, is it _____ Rented _____ Vacant

What Condition is the Property in? (List any repairs needed) _____

What is the Estimated Current (as-is) Market Value? \$ _____

Is the Property Listed in the MLS (Multiple Listing Service)? _____ How Long? _____

AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE INFORMATION

LENDER: _____

LOAN #: _____

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LOAN #: _____

PROPERTY ADDRESS: _____
Street Address City State Zip

This letter is to serve as my written authorization letter that I, the mortgagor(s) on the above referenced property, do hereby grant to you, the LENDER, permission to discuss all current and future matters related to my mortgage with individuals as I may direct. The individuals I have indicated below are authorized to discuss my financial matters in relation to the repayment of my mortgage with you, the LENDER.

Listing Realtor

Listing Realtor's Company Name

Listing Realtor's License Number

Listing Realtor's Phone Number

Listing Realtor's Email Address

Donald J Newman

Title Company – Closing Agent

Karey Donley

Title Company – Closing Coordinator

Great Metropolitan Title, LLC

Title Company Name

419-530-0001

Title Company Phone Number

419-530-0089

Title Company Fax Number

toledo@gmttitle.net

Title Company Email

Borrower Signature:

Borrower SS# _____ Date _____

Co-Borrower SS# _____ Date _____

AFFIDAVIT OF "ARM'S LENGTH TRANSACTION"

All parties to the contract dated this _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Property Address: _____

Hereby affirm that this is an "Arm's Length Transaction" as detailed below;

No party to this contract is a family member, business associate, or shares a business interest with the mortgagor. Furthermore, there are no hidden terms or special understandings between the mortgagor, buyer and/or their respective agents.

Said parties do not have any agreements written or implied that will allow the seller to remain in the property as renters or regain ownership of the property at any time after the execution of this transaction. None of the parties shall receive any proceeds from this transaction except for any item listed and approved on the Hud 1 Settlement Statement.

SELLER(S):

BUYER(S):

Signature

Signature

Print Name

Print Name

Signature

Signature

Print Name

Print Name

Seller's Real Estate Agent

Buyer's Real Estate Agent

Title Company Representative
Greater Metropolitan Title, LLC

MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

_____ Listing Agreement

_____ Real Estate Contract

_____ Agency Disclosure

_____ Residential Property Disclosure

_____ Lead Base Paint Acknowledgement

_____ Financial Statement

_____ Last 2 Most Recent Pay Stubs

_____ Last 2 Year's Tax Returns

_____ Last 2 Most Recent Bank Statements

REALTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Items for Agent to Complete on Short-Sale Transaction

- _____ Complete & Email Contract Information Form
- _____ Email Signed Listing Agreement
- _____ Email MLS Listing
- _____ CMA (Min of 3 Comparables) with average days on market or Complete CMA Package
- Email Listing History
 - _____ Original List Price
 - _____ Dates and Price of all Changes during Listing
 - _____ Number of Showings
 - _____ Number and Terms of all Offers
 - _____ Marketing Efforts
 - _____ Any other Listing Activity that can be supplied
- _____ Email Photos of Listing (Showing home and condition)
- _____ Form Realtor Perspective, list all items required to make home perfect conditions ("Repairs Required" form signed by seller)
- _____ Email Purchase Agreement when received, including short sale addendum

UNIFORM BORROWER ASSISTANCE FORM

Monthly Household Income		Monthly Household Expenses and Debt Payments		Household Assets (associated with the property and/or borrower(s) excluding retirement funds)	
Gross wages	\$	First Mortgage Payment	\$	Checking Account(s)	\$
Overtime	\$	Second Mortgage Payment	\$	Checking Account(s)	\$
Child Support / Alimony*	\$	Homeowner's Insurance	\$	Savings / Money Market	\$
Non-taxable social security/SSDI	\$	Property Taxes	\$	CDs	\$
Taxable SS benefits or other monthly income from annuities or retirement plans	\$	Credit Cards / Installment Loan(s) (total minimum payment per month)	\$	Stocks / Bonds	\$
Tips, commissions, bonus and self-employed income	\$	Alimony, child support payments	\$	Other Cash on Hand	\$
Rents Received	\$	Car Lease Payments	\$	Other Real Estate (estimated value)	\$
Unemployment Income	\$	HOA/Condo Fees/Property Maintenance	\$	Other	\$
Food Stamps/Welfare	\$	Mortgage Payments on other properties	\$		\$
Other	\$	Other	\$		\$
Total (Gross income)	\$	Total Household Expenses and Debt Payments	\$	Total Assets	\$

Any other liens (mortgage liens, mechanics liens, tax liens, etc.)

Lien Holder's Name	Balance and Interest Rate	Loan Number	Lien Holder's Phone Number

Required Income Documentation

- Do you earn a salary or hourly wage?**
For each borrower who is a salaried employee or paid by the hour, include paystub(s) reflecting the most recent 30 days' or four weeks' earnings and documentation reflecting year-to-date earnings, if not reported on the paystubs (e.g. signed letter or printout from employer).
- Are you self-employed?**
For each borrower who receives self-employed income, include a complete, signed individual federal income tax return and, as applicable, the business tax return; AND either the most recent signed and dated quarterly or year-to-date profit/loss statement that reflects activity for the most recent three months; OR copies of bank statements for the business account for the last two months evidencing continuation of business activity.
- Do you have any additional sources of income?** Provide for each borrower as applicable:
"Other Earned Income" such as bonuses, commissions, housing allowance, tips, or overtime:
 Reliable third-party documentation describing the amount and nature of the income (e.g., paystub, employment contract or printouts documenting tip income).
Social Security, disability or death benefits, pension, public assistance, or adoption assistance:
 Documentation showing the amount and frequency of the benefits, such as letters, exhibits, disability policy or benefits statement from the provider, and
 Documentation showing the receipt of payment, such as copies of the two most recent bank statements showing deposit amounts.
Rental income:
 Copy of the most recent filed federal tax return with all schedules, including Schedule E—Supplement Income and Loss. Rental income for qualifying purposes will be 75% of the gross rent you reported reduced by the monthly debt service on the property, if applicable; or
 If rental income is not reported on Schedule E – Supplemental Income and Loss, provide a copy of the current lease agreement with either bank statements or cancelled rent checks demonstrating receipt of rent.
Investment income:
 Copies of the two most recent investment statements or bank statements supporting receipt of this income.
Alimony, child support, or separation maintenance payments as qualifying income:*
 Copy of divorce decree, separation agreement, or other written legal agreement filed with a court, or court decree that states the amount of the alimony, child support, or separation maintenance payments and the period of time over which the payments will be received, and
 Copies of your two most recent bank statements or other third-party documents showing receipt of payment.

***Notice: Alimony, child support, or separate maintenance income need not be revealed if you do not choose to have it considered for repaying this loan.**

UNIFORM BORROWER ASSISTANCE FORM

HARDSHIP AFFIDAVIT

I am requesting review of my current financial situation to determine whether I qualify for temporary or permanent mortgage loan relief options. Date Hardship Began is:

I believe that my situation is:

- Short-term (under 6 months) Medium-term (6 – 12 months) Long-term or Permanent Hardship (greater than 12 months)

I am having difficulty making my monthly payment because of reason set forth below:

(Please check the primary reason and submit required documentation demonstrating your primary hardship)

If Your Hardship is:	Then the Required Hardship Documentation is:
<input type="checkbox"/> Unemployment	<input type="checkbox"/> No hardship documentation required
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduction in Income: a hardship that has caused a decrease in your income due to circumstances outside your control (e.g., elimination of overtime, reduction in regular working hours, a reduction in base pay)	<input type="checkbox"/> No hardship documentation required
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase in Housing Expenses: a hardship that has caused an increase in your housing expenses due to circumstances outside your control	<input type="checkbox"/> No hardship documentation required
<input type="checkbox"/> Divorce or legal separation; Separation of Borrowers unrelated by marriage, civil union or similar domestic partnership under applicable law	<input type="checkbox"/> Divorce decree signed by the court; OR <input type="checkbox"/> Separation agreement signed by the court; OR <input type="checkbox"/> Current credit report evidencing divorce, separation, or non-occupying borrower has a different address; OR <input type="checkbox"/> Recorded quitclaim deed evidencing that the non-occupying Borrower or co-Borrower has relinquished all rights to the property
<input type="checkbox"/> Death of a borrower or death of either the primary or secondary wage earner in the household	<input type="checkbox"/> Death certificate; OR <input type="checkbox"/> Obituary or newspaper article reporting the death
<input type="checkbox"/> Long-term or permanent disability; Serious illness of a borrower/co-borrower or dependent family member	<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of monthly insurance benefits or government assistance (if applicable); OR <input type="checkbox"/> Written statement or other documentation verifying disability or illness; OR <input type="checkbox"/> Doctor's certificate of illness or disability; OR <input type="checkbox"/> Medical bills None of the above shall require providing detailed medical information.
<input type="checkbox"/> Disaster (natural or man-made) adversely impacting the property or Borrower's place of employment	<input type="checkbox"/> Insurance claim; OR <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Emergency Management Agency grant or Small Business Administration loan; OR <input type="checkbox"/> Borrower or Employer property located in a federally declared disaster area
<input type="checkbox"/> Distant employment transfer / Relocation	For active duty service members: Notice of Permanent Change of Station (PCS) or actual PCS orders. For employment transfers/new employment: <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of signed offer letter or notice from employer showing transfer to a new employment location; OR <input type="checkbox"/> Paystub from new employer In addition to the above, documentation that reflects the amount of any relocation assistance provided, if applicable (not required for those with PCS orders).
<input type="checkbox"/> Business Failure	<input type="checkbox"/> Tax return from the previous year (including all schedules) AND <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of business failure supported by one of the following: <input type="checkbox"/> Bankruptcy filing for the business; OR <input type="checkbox"/> Two months recent bank statements for the business account evidencing cessation of business activity; OR <input type="checkbox"/> Most recent signed and dated quarterly or year-to-date profit and loss statement
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: a hardship that is not covered above	<input type="checkbox"/> Written explanation describing the details of the hardship and relevant documentation

Borrower/Co-Borrower Acknowledgement and Agreement

I certify, acknowledge, and agree to the following:

1. All of the information in this Borrower Assistance Form is truthful and the hardship that I have identified contributed to my need for mortgage relief.
2. The accuracy of my statements may be reviewed by the Servicer, owner or guarantor of my mortgage, their agent(s), or an authorized third party*, and I may be required to provide additional supporting documentation. I will provide all requested documents and will respond timely to all Servicer, or authorized third party*, communications.
3. Knowingly submitting false information may violate Federal and other applicable law.
4. If I have intentionally defaulted on my existing mortgage, engaged in fraud or misrepresented any fact(s) in connection with this request for mortgage relief or if I do not provide all required documentation, the Servicer may cancel any mortgage relief granted and may pursue foreclosure on my home and/or pursue any available legal remedies.
5. The Servicer is not obligated to offer me assistance based solely on the representations in this document or other documentation submitted in connection with my request.
6. I may be eligible for a trial period plan, repayment plan, or forbearance plan. If I am eligible for one of these plans, I agree that:
 - a. All the terms of this Acknowledgment and Agreement are incorporated into such plan by reference as if set forth in such plan in full.
 - b. My first timely payment under the plan will serve as acceptance of the terms set forth in the notice of the plan sent by the Servicer.
 - c. The Servicer's acceptance of any payments under the plan will not be a waiver of any acceleration of my loan or foreclosure action that has occurred and will not cure my default unless such payments are sufficient to completely cure my entire default under my loan.
 - d. Payments due under a trial period plan for a modification will contain escrow amounts. If I was not previously required to pay escrow amounts, and my trial period plan contains escrow amounts, I agree to the establishment of an escrow account and agree that any prior waiver is revoked. Payments due under a repayment plan or forbearance plan may or may not contain escrow amounts. If I was not previously required to pay escrow amounts and my repayment plan or forbearance plan contains escrow amounts, I agree to the establishment of an escrow account and agree that any prior escrow waiver is revoked.
7. A condemnation notice has not been issued for the property.
8. The Servicer or authorized third party* will obtain a current credit report on all borrowers obligated on the Note.
9. The Servicer or authorized third party* will collect and record personal information that I submit in this Borrower Response Package and during the evaluation process. This personal information may include, but is not limited to: (a) my name, address, telephone number, (b) my social security number, (c) my credit score, (d) my income, and (e) my payment history and information about my account balances and activity. I understand and consent to the Servicer or authorized third party*, as well as any investor or guarantor (such as Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac), disclosing my personal information and the terms of any relief or foreclosure alternative that I receive to the following:
 - a. Any investor, insurer, guarantor, or servicer that owns, insures, guarantees, or services my first lien or subordinate lien (if applicable) mortgage loan(s) or any companies that perform support services to them; and
 - b. The U.S. Department of Treasury, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, in conjunction with their responsibilities under the Making Home Affordable program, or any companies that perform support services to them.
10. I consent to being contacted concerning this request for mortgage assistance at any telephone number, including mobile telephone number, or email address I have provided to the Lender/Servicer/ or authorized third party*. By checking this box, I also consent to being contacted by text messaging.

Borrower Signature

Date

Co-Borrower Signature

Date

*An authorized third party may include, but is not limited to, a counseling agency, Housing Finance Agency (HFA) or other similar entity that is assisting me in obtaining a foreclosure prevention alternative.

Home Affordable Modification Program Government Monitoring Data Form

Information for Government Monitoring Purposes

The following information is requested by the federal government in order to monitor compliance with federal statutes that prohibit discrimination in housing. **You are not required to furnish this information, but are encouraged to do so. The law provides that a lender or servicer may not discriminate either on the basis of this information, or on whether you choose to furnish it.** If you furnish the information, please provide both ethnicity and race. For race, you may check more than one designation. If you do not furnish ethnicity, race, or sex, the lender or servicer is required to note the information on the basis of visual observation or surname if you have made this request for a loan modification in person. If you do not wish to furnish the information, please check the box below.

BORROWER		CO-BORROWER	
<input type="checkbox"/> I do not wish to furnish this information		<input type="checkbox"/> I do not wish to furnish this information	
Ethnicity: <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino		Ethnicity: <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino	
Race: <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White		Race: <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White	
Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male		Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male	
To be completed by Servicers			<i>Name/Address of Interviewer's Employer</i>
<i>This request was taken by:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Face-to-face interview <input type="checkbox"/> Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone <input type="checkbox"/> Internet		<i>Servicer/Interviewer's Name (print or type) & ID Number</i>	
		<i>Servicer/Interviewer's Signature</i>	
		<i>Servicer/Interviewer's Phone Number (include area code)</i>	
<i>Loan Number: _____</i>		<i>Servicer/Interviewer's Fax Number (include area code)</i>	
		<i>Servicer/Interviewer's email address</i>	

Request for Transcript of Tax Return

OMB No. 1545-1872

▶ Request may be rejected if the form is incomplete or illegible.

Tip. Use Form 4506-T to order a transcript or other return information free of charge. See the product list below. You can quickly request transcripts by using our automated self-help service tools. Please visit us at IRS.gov and click on "Order a Return or Account Transcript" or call 1-800-908-9946. If you need a copy of your return, use **Form 4506, Request for Copy of Tax Return**. There is a fee to get a copy of your return.

1a Name shown on tax return. If a joint return, enter the name shown first.	1b First social security number on tax return, individual taxpayer identification number, or employer identification number (see instructions)
2a If a joint return, enter spouse's name shown on tax return.	2b Second social security number or individual taxpayer identification number if joint tax return
3 Current name, address (including apt., room, or suite no.), city, state, and ZIP code (see instructions)	
4 Previous address shown on the last return filed if different from line 3 (see instructions)	
5 If the transcript or tax information is to be mailed to a third party (such as a mortgage company), enter the third party's name, address, and telephone number.	

Caution. If the tax transcript is being mailed to a third party, ensure that you have filled in lines 6 through 9 before signing. Sign and date the form once you have filled in these lines. Completing these steps helps to protect your privacy. Once the IRS discloses your tax transcript to the third party listed on line 5, the IRS has no control over what the third party does with the information. If you would like to limit the third party's authority to disclose your transcript information, you can specify this limitation in your written agreement with the third party.

6 Transcript requested. Enter the tax form number here (1040, 1065, 1120, etc.) and check the appropriate box below. Enter only one tax form number per request. ▶ _____

a Return Transcript, which includes most of the line items of a tax return as filed with the IRS. A tax return transcript does not reflect changes made to the account after the return is processed. Transcripts are only available for the following returns: Form 1040 series, Form 1065, Form 1120, Form 1120A, Form 1120H, Form 1120L, and Form 1120S. Return transcripts are available for the current year and returns processed during the prior 3 processing years. Most requests will be processed within 10 business days

b Account Transcript, which contains information on the financial status of the account, such as payments made on the account, penalty assessments, and adjustments made by you or the IRS after the return was filed. Return information is limited to items such as tax liability and estimated tax payments. Account transcripts are available for most returns. Most requests will be processed within 10 business days

c Record of Account, which provides the most detailed information as it is a combination of the Return Transcript and the Account Transcript. Available for current year and 3 prior tax years. Most requests will be processed within 10 business days

7 Verification of Nonfiling, which is proof from the IRS that you **did not** file a return for the year. Current year requests are only available after June 15th. There are no availability restrictions on prior year requests. Most requests will be processed within 10 business days

8 Form W-2, Form 1099 series, Form 1098 series, or Form 5498 series transcript. The IRS can provide a transcript that includes data from these information returns. State or local information is not included with the Form W-2 information. The IRS may be able to provide this transcript information for up to 10 years. Information for the current year is generally not available until the year after it is filed with the IRS. For example, W-2 information for 2011, filed in 2012, will likely not be available from the IRS until 2013. If you need W-2 information for retirement purposes, you should contact the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213. Most requests will be processed within 10 business days

Caution. If you need a copy of Form W-2 or Form 1099, you should first contact the payer. To get a copy of the Form W-2 or Form 1099 filed with your return, you must use Form 4506 and request a copy of your return, which includes all attachments.

9 Year or period requested. Enter the ending date of the year or period, using the mm/dd/yyyy format. If you are requesting more than four years or periods, you must attach another Form 4506-T. For requests relating to quarterly tax returns, such as Form 941, you must enter each quarter or tax period separately. _____

Check this box if you have notified the IRS or the IRS has notified you that one of the years for which you are requesting a transcript involved **identity theft** on your federal tax return

Caution. Do not sign this form unless all applicable lines have been completed.

Signature of taxpayer(s). I declare that I am either the taxpayer whose name is shown on line 1a or 2a, or a person authorized to obtain the tax information requested. If the request applies to a joint return, at least one spouse must sign. If signed by a corporate officer, partner, guardian, tax matters partner, executor, receiver, administrator, trustee, or party other than the taxpayer, I certify that I have the authority to execute Form 4506-T on behalf of the taxpayer. **Note.** For transcripts being sent to a third party, this form must be received within 120 days of the signature date.

		Phone number of taxpayer on line 1a or 2a
▶ Signature (see instructions)	Date	
▶ Title (if line 1a above is a corporation, partnership, estate, or trust)		
▶ Spouse's signature	Date	

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future Developments

For the latest information about Form 4506-T and its instructions, go to www.irs.gov/form4506t. Information about any recent developments affecting Form 4506-T (such as legislation enacted after we released it) will be posted on that page.

General Instructions

CAUTION. Do not sign this form unless all applicable lines have been completed.

Purpose of form. Use Form 4506-T to request tax return information. You can also designate (on line 5) a third party to receive the information. Taxpayers using a tax year beginning in one calendar year and ending in the following year (fiscal tax year) must file Form 4506-T to request a return transcript.

Note. If you are unsure of which type of transcript you need, request the Record of Account, as it provides the most detailed information.

Tip. Use Form 4506, Request for Copy of Tax Return, to request copies of tax returns.

Automated transcript request. You can quickly request transcripts by using our automated self-help service tools. Please visit us at IRS.gov and click on "Order a Return or Account Transcript" or call 1-800-908-9946.

Where to file. Mail or fax Form 4506-T to the address below for the state you lived in, or the state your business was in, when that return was filed. There are two address charts: one for individual transcripts (Form 1040 series and Form W-2) and one for all other transcripts.

If you are requesting more than one transcript or other product and the chart below shows two different addresses, send your request to the address based on the address of your most recent return.

Chart for individual transcripts (Form 1040 series and Form W-2 and Form 1099)

If you filed an individual return and lived in:

	Mail or fax to:
Alabama, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Texas, a foreign country, American Samoa, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, or A.P.O. or F.P.O. address	Internal Revenue Service RAIVS Team Stop 6716 AUSC Austin, TX 73301
Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming	512-460-2272
Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia	Internal Revenue Service RAIVS Team Stop 37106 Fresno, CA 93888
Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia	559-456-5876
Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia	Internal Revenue Service RAIVS Team Stop 6705 P-6 Kansas City, MO 64999
Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia	816-292-6102

Chart for all other transcripts

If you lived in or your business was in:

Mail or fax to:

Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, a foreign country, or A.P.O. or F.P.O. address	Internal Revenue Service RAIVS Team P.O. Box 9941 Mail Stop 6734 Ogden, UT 84409
Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin	801-620-6922
Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin	Internal Revenue Service RAIVS Team P.O. Box 145500 Stop 2800 F Cincinnati, OH 45250
Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin	859-669-3592

Line 1b. Enter your employer identification number (EIN) if your request relates to a business return. Otherwise, enter the first social security number (SSN) or your individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN) shown on the return. For example, if you are requesting Form 1040 that includes Schedule C (Form 1040), enter your SSN.

Line 3. Enter your current address. If you use a P. O. box, include it on this line.

Line 4. Enter the address shown on the last return filed if different from the address entered on line 3.

Note. If the address on lines 3 and 4 are different and you have not changed your address with the IRS, file Form 8822, Change of Address. For a business address, file Form 8822-B, Change of Address or Responsible Party—Business.

Line 6. Enter only one tax form number per request.

Signature and date. Form 4506-T must be signed and dated by the taxpayer listed on line 1a or 2a. If you completed line 5 requesting the information be sent to a third party, the IRS must receive Form 4506-T within 120 days of the date signed by the taxpayer or it will be rejected. Ensure that all applicable lines are completed before signing.

Individuals. Transcripts of jointly filed tax returns may be furnished to either spouse. Only one signature is required. Sign Form 4506-T exactly as your name appeared on the original return. If you changed your name, also sign your current name.

Corporations. Generally, Form 4506-T can be signed by: (1) an officer having legal authority to bind the corporation, (2) any person designated by the board of directors or other governing body, or (3) any officer or employee on written request by any principal officer and attested to by the secretary or other officer.

Partnerships. Generally, Form 4506-T can be signed by any person who was a member of the partnership during any part of the tax period requested on line 9.

All others. See section 6103(e) if the taxpayer has died, is insolvent, is a dissolved corporation, or if a trustee, guardian, executor, receiver, or administrator is acting for the taxpayer.

Documentation. For entities other than individuals, you must attach the authorization document. For example, this could be the letter from the principal officer authorizing an employee of the corporation or the letters testamentary authorizing an individual to act for an estate.

Signature by a representative. A representative can sign Form 4506-T for a taxpayer only if the taxpayer has specifically delegated this authority to the representative on Form 2848, line 5. The representative must attach Form 2848 showing the delegation to Form 4506-T.

Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act

Notice. We ask for the information on this form to establish your right to gain access to the requested tax information under the Internal Revenue Code. We need this information to properly identify the tax information and respond to your request. You are not required to request any transcript; if you do request a transcript, sections 6103 and 6109 and their regulations require you to provide this information, including your SSN or EIN. If you do not provide this information, we may not be able to process your request. Providing false or fraudulent information may subject you to penalties.

Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation, and cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and possessions for use in administering their tax laws. We may also disclose this information to other countries under a tax treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce federal nontax criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism.

You are not required to provide the information requested on a form that is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act unless the form displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a form or its instructions must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any Internal Revenue law. Generally, tax returns and return information are confidential, as required by section 6103.

The time needed to complete and file Form 4506-T will vary depending on individual circumstances. The estimated average time is: **Learning about the law or the form**, 10 min.; **Preparing the form**, 12 min.; and **Copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS**, 20 min.

If you have comments concerning the accuracy of these time estimates or suggestions for making Form 4506-T simpler, we would be happy to hear from you. You can write to:

Internal Revenue Service
Tax Forms and Publications Division
1111 Constitution Ave. NW, IR-6526
Washington, DC 20224

Do not send the form to this address. Instead, see *Where to file* on this page.

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service▶ **Request may not be processed if the form is incomplete or illegible.****Tip.** Use Form 4506T-EZ to order a 1040 series tax return transcript free of charge, or you can quickly request transcripts by using our automated self-help service tools. Please visit us at IRS.gov and click on "Order a Transcript" or call 1-800-908-9946.

1a Name shown on tax return. If a joint return, enter the name shown first.	1b First social security number or individual taxpayer identification number on tax return				
2a If a joint return, enter spouse's name shown on tax return.	2b Second social security number or individual taxpayer identification number if joint tax return				
3 Current name, address (including apt., room, or suite no.), city, state, and ZIP code (see instructions)					
4 Previous address shown on the last return filed if different from line 3 (see instructions)					
5 If the transcript is to be mailed to a third party (such as a mortgage company), enter the third party's name, address, and telephone number. The IRS has no control over what the third party does with the tax information. <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td data-bbox="89 758 971 856">Third party name</td> <td data-bbox="971 758 1520 856">Telephone number</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" data-bbox="89 856 1520 882">Address (including apt., room, or suite no.), city, state, and ZIP code</td> </tr> </table>		Third party name	Telephone number	Address (including apt., room, or suite no.), city, state, and ZIP code	
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Address (including apt., room, or suite no.), city, state, and ZIP code					

Caution. If the tax transcript is being mailed to a third party, ensure that you have filled in line 6 before signing. Sign and date the form once you have filled in this line. Completing this step helps to protect your privacy. Once the IRS discloses your IRS transcript to the third party listed on line 5, the IRS has no control over what the third party does with the information. If you would like to limit the third party's authority to disclose your transcript information, you can specify this limitation in your written agreement with the third party.**6** **Year(s) requested.** Enter the year(s) of the return transcript you are requesting (for example, "2008"). Most requests will be processed within 10 business days. Check this box if you have notified the IRS or the IRS has notified you that one of the years for which you are requesting a transcript involved **identity theft** on your federal tax return.**Note.** If the IRS is unable to locate a return that matches the taxpayer identity information provided above, or if IRS records indicate that the return has not been filed, the IRS may notify you or the third party that it was unable to locate a return, or that a return was not filed, whichever is applicable.**Caution.** Do not sign this form unless all applicable lines have been completed.**Signature of taxpayer(s).** I declare that I am the taxpayer whose name is shown on either line 1a or 2a. If the request applies to a joint return, **either** husband or wife must sign. **Note.** For transcripts being sent to a third party, this form must be received within 120 days of the signature date.Phone number of taxpayer
on line 1a or 2a

Sign Here	▶ Signature (see instructions)	Date
	▶ Spouse's signature	Date

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

What's New

The IRS has created a page on IRS.gov for information about Form 4506T-EZ at <http://www.irs.gov/form4506>. Information about any recent developments affecting Form 4506T-EZ (such as legislation enacted after we released it) will be posted on that page.

Caution. Do not sign this form unless all applicable lines have been completed.

Purpose of form. Individuals can use Form 4506T-EZ to request a tax return transcript for the current and the prior three years that includes most lines of the original tax return. The tax return transcript will not show payments, penalty assessments, or adjustments made to the originally filed return. You can also designate (on line 5) a third party (such as a mortgage company) to receive a transcript. Form 4506T-EZ cannot be used by taxpayers who file Form 1040 based on a tax year beginning in one calendar year and ending in the following year (fiscal tax year). Taxpayers using a fiscal tax year must file Form 4506-T, Request for Transcript of Tax Return, to request a return transcript.

Use Form 4506-T to request tax return transcripts, tax account information, W-2 information, 1099 information, verification of non-filing, and record of account.

Automated transcript request. You can quickly request transcripts by using our automated self-help service tools. Please visit us at IRS.gov and click on "Order a Transcript" or call 1-800-908-9946.

Where to file. Mail or fax Form 4506T-EZ to the address below for the state you lived in when the return was filed.

If you are requesting more than one transcript or other product and the chart below shows two different addresses, send your request to the address based on the address of your most recent return.

If you filed an individual return and lived in:

Alabama, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Texas, a foreign country, American Samoa, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, or A.P.O. or F.P.O. address

Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming

Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia

Mail or fax to the "Internal Revenue Service" at:

RAIVS Team
Stop 6716 AUSC
Austin, TX 73301
512-460-2272

RAIVS Team
Stop 37106
Fresno, CA 93888
559-456-5876

RAIVS Team
Stop 6705 P-6
Kansas City, MO 64999
816-292-6102

Transcripts of jointly filed tax returns may be furnished to either spouse. Only one signature is required. Sign Form 4506T-EZ exactly as your name appeared on the original return. If you changed your name, also sign your current name.

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The time needed to complete and file Form 4506T-EZ will vary depending on individual circumstances. The estimated average time is: **Learning about the law or the form**, 9 min.; **Preparing the form**, 18 min.; and **Copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS**, 20 min.

If you have comments concerning the accuracy of these time estimates or suggestions for making Form 4506T-EZ simpler, we would be happy to hear from you. You can write to:

Internal Revenue Service
Tax Products Coordinating Committee
SE:W:CAR:MP:T:M:S
1111 Constitution Ave. NW, IR-6526
Washington, DC 20224

Do not send the form to this address. Instead, see *Where to file* on this page.

Line 1b. Enter your employer identification number (EIN) if your request relates to a business return. Otherwise, enter the first social security number (SSN) or your individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN) shown on the return. For example, if you are requesting Form 1040 that includes Schedule C (Form 1040), enter your SSN.

Line 3. Enter your current address. If you use a P.O. box, include it on this line.

Line 4. Enter the address shown on the last return filed if different from the address entered on line 3.

Note. If the address on lines 3 and 4 are different and you have not changed your address with the IRS, file Form 8822, Change of Address.

Signature and date. Form 4506T-EZ must be signed and dated by the taxpayer listed on line 1a or 2a. If you completed line 5 requesting the information be sent to a third party, the IRS must receive Form 4506T-EZ within 120 days of the date signed by the taxpayer or it will be rejected. Ensure that all applicable lines are completed before signing.

Homeowner Checklist

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GET STARTED – use this checklist to ensure you have completed all required forms and have the right information.

Step 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Review the information provided to help you understand your options, responsibilities, and next steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Avoiding Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> Frequently Asked Questions <input type="checkbox"/> Beware of Foreclosure Rescue Scams
Step 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete and sign the enclosed Borrower Assistance Form. Must be signed by all borrowers on the mortgage (notarization is not required) and must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> All income, expenses, and assets for each borrower <input type="checkbox"/> An explanation of financial hardship that makes it difficult to pay the mortgage <input type="checkbox"/> Your acknowledgment and agreement that all information that you provide is true and accurate
Step 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete and sign a dated copy of the enclosed IRS Form 4506-T <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> For each borrower, please submit a signed, dated copy of IRS Form 4506T-EZ (Short Form Request for Individual Tax Return Transcript) <input type="checkbox"/> Borrowers who filed their tax returns jointly may send in one IRS Form 4506T-EZ signed and dated by both joint filers
Step 4	<input type="checkbox"/> Provide required Hardship Documentation. This documentation will be used to verify your hardship. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Follow the instructions set forth on the Borrower Assistance Form (attached)
Step 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Provide required Income Documentation. This documentation will be used to verify your hardship and all of your income (Notice: Alimony, child support, or separate maintenance income need not be revealed if you do not choose to have it considered for repaying this loan). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Follow the instructions set forth on the Borrower Assistance Form (attached) <input type="checkbox"/> You may also disclose any income from a household member who is not on the promissory note (non-borrower), such as a relative, spouse, domestic partner, or fiancé who occupies the property as a primary residence. If you elect to disclose and rely upon this income to qualify, the required income documentation is the same as the income documentation required for a borrower. See Page 2 of the Borrower Assistance Form for specific details on income documentation.
Step 6	<input type="checkbox"/> Gather and send completed documents—your Borrower Response Package. You must send in all required documentation listed in steps 2-4 above, and summarized below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Borrower Assistance Form (attached) • Form 4506T-EZ (attached) • Income Documentation as outlined on Page 2 of the Borrower Assistance Form (attached) • Hardship Documentation as outlined on Page 3 of the Borrower Assistance Form (attached)

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- If you cannot provide the documentation within the time frame provided, have other types of income not specified on Page 2 of the Borrower Assistance Form, cannot locate some or all of the required documents.
- Keep a copy of all documents and proof of mailing/e-mailing for your records. **Don't send original income or hardship documents. Copies are acceptable.**

Information on Avoiding Foreclosure

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Mortgage Programs Are Available to Help

There are a variety of programs available to help you resolve your delinquency and keep your home. You may be eligible to refinance or modify your mortgage to make your payments and terms more manageable, for instance, lowering your monthly payment to make it more affordable. Or, if you have missed a few payments, you may qualify for a temporary (or permanent) solution to help you get your finances back on track. Depending on your circumstances, staying in your home may not be possible. In this case, a short sale or deed-in-lieu of foreclosure may be a better choice than foreclosure – see the table below for more information:

OPTIONS TO STAY IN YOUR HOME	OVERVIEW	BENEFIT
Refinance	Receive a new loan with lower interest rate or other favorable terms	Makes your payment or terms more affordable
Reinstatement	Pay the total amount you owe, in a lump sum payment and by a specific date. This may follow a forbearance plan as described below	Allows you to avoid foreclosure by bringing your mortgage current if you can show you have funds that will become available at a specific date in the future
Repayment Plan*	Pay back your past-due payments together with your regular payments over an extended period of time	Allows you time to catch up on late payments without having to come up with a lump sum
Forbearance Plan*	Make reduced mortgage payments or no mortgage payments for a specific period of time	Have time to improve your financial situation and get back on your feet
Modification	Receive modified terms of your mortgage to make it more affordable or manageable after successfully making payments during a “trial period” (that is, completing a three- or four-month trial period plan) that approximate the modified payment	Permanently modifies your mortgage so that your payments or terms are more manageable as a permanent solution to a long-term or permanent hardship
OPTIONS TO LEAVE YOUR HOME	OVERVIEW	BENEFIT
Short Sale	Sell your home and pay off a portion of your mortgage balance when you owe more on the home than it is worth	Allows you to transition out of your home without going through foreclosure. In some cases relocation assistance may be available
Mortgage Release (Deed-in-Lieu of Foreclosure)	Transfer the ownership of your property to us	Allows you to transition out of your home without going through foreclosure. In some cases relocation assistance may be available.

We Want to Help

Take action and gain peace of mind and control of your situation. Complete and return the Borrower Response Package to start the process of getting the help you need now.

Frequently Asked Questions

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1. Why Did I Receive This Package?

You received this package because we have not received one or more of your monthly mortgage payments and want to help you keep your home if at all possible. We are sending this information to you now so that we can work with you to quickly resolve any temporary or long-term financial challenge you face to making all of your late mortgage payments.

2. Where Can I Find More Information on Foreclosure Prevention?

Please see the Avoiding Foreclosure attachment in this package for more information, or you can contact Everhome Mortgage at 800-669-7724.

3. Will I Be Evaluated for the Federal Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP) When I Submit My Borrower Response Package?

You will be evaluated for all available workout options in accordance with the eligibility requirements of Fannie Mae, the owner of your mortgage loan. The evaluation is based on whether you are experiencing a temporary or permanent hardship and the duration of your delinquency, and may be impacted by your intention to stay in the property. If you intend to stay in your property and we determine you are not eligible for a refinance, reinstatement, Repayment Plan, or Forbearance Plan, then we will evaluate you under the Fannie Mae Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP) prior to evaluation for other Fannie Mae loan modifications.

4. What if I Don't Want to Stay in My Home Anymore?

You may have good reasons for needing to leave your property, such as a job relocation, a divorce, financial hardship due to the death of a borrower, or some other reason preventing you from keeping your property. If you intend to transition out of your home, please indicate that you want to sell or vacate the property on page 1 of the attached Borrower Assistance Form and we may first evaluate you for a short sale or Mortgage Release (deed-in-lieu of foreclosure). Even if you are approved for one of those workout solutions, we may consider you for a mortgage loan modification.

5. Will It Cost Money to Get Help?

There should never be a fee from your servicer or qualified counselor to obtain assistance or information about foreclosure prevention options. However, foreclosure prevention has become a target for scam artists. Be wary of companies or individuals offering to help you for a fee, and never send a mortgage payment to any company other than the one listed on your monthly mortgage statement or one designated to receive your payments under a state assistance program.

6. What Happens Once I Have Sent the Borrower Response Package to You?

We will send you a written notice within five business days of our receipt of your Borrower Response Package to confirm that we have received your package and will review it to determine whether it is complete or incomplete. If we determine there is missing information or documentation, we also will send you an incomplete information notice. We cannot guarantee that you will receive any (or a particular type of) assistance.

Within 30 days of receipt of a complete Borrower Response Package, we will let you know which foreclosure alternatives, if any, are available to you and will inform you of your next steps to accept our offer. However, if we receive your complete Borrower Response Package 37 calendar days or less before a scheduled foreclosure sale date, we will strive to process your request as quickly as possible, but you may not receive a notice of incompleteness or a decision on your request prior to sale. **Please submit your Borrower Response Package as soon as possible.**

7. What Happens to My Mortgage While You Are Evaluating My Borrower Response Package?

You remain obligated to make all mortgage payments as they come due, even while we are evaluating the types of assistance that may be available.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS continued

8. Will the Foreclosure Process Begin If I Do Not Respond to this Letter?

If you do not respond to this letter, we may refer your loan to foreclosure in accordance with your mortgage loan documents and applicable law.

9. Should I Still Contact You if I Have Waited Too Long and My Property Has Been Referred to an Attorney for Foreclosure?

Yes, the sooner the better!

10. What if My Property is Scheduled for a Foreclosure Sale in the Future?

If we receive a complete Borrower Response Package 37 calendar days or less before a scheduled foreclosure sale, there is no guarantee we can evaluate you for a foreclosure alternative in time to stop the foreclosure sale. Even if we are able to approve you for a foreclosure alternative prior to a sale, a court with jurisdiction over the foreclosure proceeding (if any) or public official charged with carrying out the sale may not halt the scheduled sale.

11. Will My Property be Sold at a Foreclosure Sale If I Accept a Foreclosure Alternative?

No. The property will not be sold at a foreclosure if you accept an offer for an alternative to foreclosure and comply with all requirements.

12. Will My Credit Report Be Affected by My Late Payments or Being in Default?

The delinquency status of your loan will be reported to credit reporting agencies as well as your entry into a Repayment Plan, Forbearance Plan, or Trial Period Plan in accordance with the requirements of the Fair Credit Reporting Act and the Consumer Data Industry Association requirements.

13. Will My Credit Score Be Affected if I Accept a Foreclosure Prevention Option?

While the effect on your credit will depend on your individual credit history, credit scoring companies generally would consider your entry into a plan with reduced payments as increasing your credit risk. As a result, entering into a plan with reduced payments may adversely affect your credit score, particularly if you are current on your mortgage or otherwise have a good credit score. However, bringing your loan current through a reinstatement, Repayment Plan or loan modification and continuing to make timely payments may improve your credit score over time.

14. Is Foreclosure Prevention Counseling Available?

Yes, HUD-approved counselors are available to provide you with the information and assistance you may need to avoid foreclosure. You can use the search tool at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/fc/> to find a counselor near you.

15. I Have Seen Ads and Flyers From Companies Offering to Help Me Avoid Foreclosure for a Fee. Are These Companies on the Level?

Foreclosure prevention has become a target for scam artists. We suggest using the HUD Web site referenced in question 14 to locate a counselor near you. Also, please refer to the attached document called "Beware of Foreclosure Rescue Scams" for more information.

BEWARE OF FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS — TIPS & WARNING SIGNS

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Scam artists are stealing millions of dollars from distressed homeowners by promising immediate relief from foreclosure, or demanding cash for counseling services when HUD-approved counseling agencies provide the same services for FREE. If you receive an offer, information or advice that sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Don't let them take advantage of you, your situation, your house or your money. **Remember, help is FREE.**

How to Spot a Scam – beware of a company or person who:

- Asks for a fee in advance to work with your lender to modify, refinance or reinstate your mortgage.
- Guarantees they can stop a foreclosure or get your loan modified.
- Advises you to stop paying your mortgage company and pay them instead.
- Pressures you to sign over the deed to your home or sign any paperwork that you haven't had a chance to read, and you don't fully understand.
- Claims to offer "government-approved" or "official government" loan modifications.
- Asks you to release personal financial information online or over the phone and you have not been working with this person and/or do not know them.

How to Report a Scam – do one of the following:

- Go to www.preventloanscams.org and fill out the Loan Modification Scam Prevention Network's (LMSPN) complaint form online and get more information on how to fight back. Note: you can also fill out this form and send to the fax number/e-mail/address (your choice!) on the back of the form.
- Call 1(888)995-HOPE (4673) and tell the counselor about your situation and that you believe you got scammed or know of a scam.

The Loan Modification Scam Prevention Network is a national coalition of governmental and private organizations led by Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, NeighborWorks America™ and the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law.