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Dear Mr Whittaker,

I am writing to make you aware that Flood Re has recently announced that we will be reducing reinsurance premiums for insurers from 1 January 2019. Given how competitive the UK home insurance market is we anticipate that these savings will be passed on to consumers.

As you may be aware, Flood Re was launched in April 2016 to increase the availability and affordability of flood cover for households at high risk of flooding. We are delivering on this objective.

We have taken the decision to reduce reinsurance premiums following consultation with several major insurers to assess the effects of reducing our charges. As a result of our analysis we decided to reduce building reinsurance premiums by 12.5% and contents reinsurance premiums charges by 33%. These changes will apply to all properties except those in the top council band.

These reductions follow Flood Re's decision not to pass on the annual increase to premium thresholds in April 2018. The new reinsurance premiums are detailed on the attached table.

Although we cannot guarantee that the reductions in premiums will be passed on to customers from insurers, we anticipate that consumers in flood-prone areas, which includes many of your constituents, will benefit from these savings.

As it has always been, our message to your constituents is that they should shop around to get the right deal for them. Further information can be found on our website - www.floodre.co.uk

I am glad that we are in a financial robust position to be able to make this positive announcement. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely



Andy Bord
Chief Executive