

Flood Insurance

- ✓ **SUPPORT** a reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) that:
 - Reaffirms the *gradual implementation of risk-based rates*.
 - Continues *grandfathering of rates* so that properties can be transferred between owners without coverage disruption or surprise.
 - Supports including **Flood Insurance Market Parity and Modernization Act**:
 - **H.R. 1422**: Reps. Ross (R-FL) and Castor (D-FL) & **S. 563** Sens. Heller (R-NV) and Tester (D-MT) in the broader NFIP reauthorization bill.

PIA supports expanding the private flood market to provide consumers with choices in purchasing flood insurance.

- ✓ **OPPOSE** *attempts to cut or cap agent commissions in NFIP reauthorization*.
 - Agents play a crucial role in explaining this confusing program and servicing their clients during the initial sale and in the aftermath of a flood event.
 - Cutting commissions will lead to an exodus by the independent agent sales force, which will lead to a decrease in the number of flood policies in force.

Status: The NFIP expires July 31, 2018. PIA opposed House legislation (H.R. 2874) because it cut the WYO reimbursement rate by 3 percent without including a protection for agent compensation.

Insurance Regulation

- ✓ **COSPONSOR the Federal Insurance Office Abolishment Act**
 - **H.R. 4483:** Rep. Mooney (R-WV). Would fully repeal the Federal Insurance Office (FIO).

- ✓ **COSPONSOR the Federal Insurance Office Reform Act**
 - **H.R. 3861:** Reps. Duffy (R-WI) and Heck (D-WA). While PIA prefers the full repeal of the FIO, we support this bill as it will begin to rein in the FIO's domestic authority.

- ✓ ***How FIO has attempted to overstep its mandate:***
 - Since its creation, the FIO has tried to expand its power by calling for federal regulation of mortgage insurance, by calling for its inclusion in supervisory colleges with state regulators, and by calling for uniform national standards for state guaranty associations. The FIO also issued a report on consumer protections that was far beyond the scope of its authority. Every one of these acts was an overreach, each well outside its mandate.

Healthcare

- ✓ **COSPONSOR the Access to Independent Health Insurance Advisors Act**
 - **H.R. 4575:** Reps. Long (R-MO) and Schrader (D-OR) & **S. 2303:** Sens. Isakson (R-GA) and Coons (D-DE).
 - Removes independent agent compensation from definition of “administrative expense” in the Medical Loss Ratio (MLR).
 - Improves consumer choice and preserves the critical role of agents.

- ✓ **COSPONSOR the Middle-Class Health Benefits Tax Repeal Act**
 - **H.R. 173:** Reps. Kelly (R-PA) and Courtney (D-CT) & **S. 58:** Sens. Heller (R-NV) and Heinrich (D-NM)
 - Repeals the “Cadillac Tax,” set to take effect in 2022.
 - The Cadillac tax is a 40 percent excise tax on employer-sponsored health plans that exceed \$10,800 for individual coverage and \$29,100 for family coverage.

Status: The MLR issue can likely be dealt with through the regulatory process, but the legislation needs sufficient cosponsors to demonstrate support. In addition, while the implementation of the Cadillac tax has been delayed until 2022, we are urging a full repeal.

Crop Insurance

✓ OPPOSE Cuts to the Federal Crop Insurance Program

- The 2014 reauthorization saw cuts to crop insurance and a projected savings of \$23 billion over 10 years.
- \$3 billion in cuts to crop insurance were beat back in 2015.
- During the 2018 reauthorization, recognize the important role independent agents play in delivery of the program.
- Oppose cuts during the committee and floor processes.

Status: The House and Senate Agriculture committees are currently negotiating their respective versions of the 2018 Farm Bill. The current Farm Bill expires September 30, 2018.