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The Honorable Pam Bondi
Attorney General of Florida
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Dear Attorney General Bondi,

A matter has come to my attention that I feel you may be interested in. I am aware of this situation through my son who is one of the effected home owners. Of course because of that relationship I would not take any official action in the matter and, were it submitted to me officially I would request the Governor to reassign the matter. I am aware of your unwavering commitment to consumer protection and thought that this is something I should put on your radar.

Pulte Homes constructed a community known as Berkshire Place consisting of 140 townhomes between 2007 and 2011, in West Orange County.

In addition to catastrophic stucco problems, violations of Florida's building code which affect life safety issues have been discovered.

Pulte Homes cut gaping holes in the floor joists supporting the second story so they could save money running the plumbing, air conditioning, and electrical lines. The hurricane straps were attached to engineered rim joists, which have rotted out due to stucco defects, thus, the uplift protection has been compromised.

Additionally, Pulte violated the building codes concerning the application of stucco. A structural engineer, Tom Miller (whom I believe you may from the KB Homes case), prepared reports on 87 of the 140 townhomes. Mr Miller's reports are at a dropbox set up by the homeowners attorney. His name is Michael C. Sasso. 407-644-7161. He is anxious to speak with you or a member of your staff. The dropbox is: msasso@sasso-law.com Password: dietcoke if you would care to review the reports for yourself.

The alleged building code violations Mr. Miller discovered concerning the stucco are widespread and have resulted in failures throughout the community.

These townhome owners are unable to file lawsuits against Pulte because of the mandatory arbitration clauses which also prohibit class actions.

Pulte has done nothing to repair or correct any of the code violations. They pay lip service, but, have done nothing.

There is a Facebook page, "My Pulte Nightmare. " I am advised there have been over 500,000 views this month.

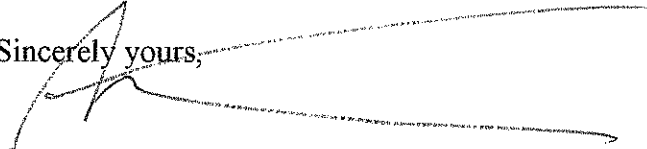
WFTV here in Orlando, is running an expose on the problem.

This community has heartbreaking stories.

Pulte's conduct appears to mirror that I read about in articles discussing your issues with KB Homes.

As a father, father in-law and grandfather to those unlucky enough to have purchased one of these potentially unsafe homes I would ask that you look into this mater.

Sincerely yours,



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