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DATE

Town Clerk
ADDRESS
TOWN

Dear Ms. _____:

I am writing to you on behalf of my client, _____, to request a full abatement of the accrued property taxes, and water and sewer bill on her former property located at ADDRESS, VT.

CLIENT agrees to waive the 5 day notice requirement of these abatement hearings and agrees to allow the town to examine her tax file. CLIENT was a victim of DISASTER, and the extreme damage to her mobile home it is now considered damaged to the point where repairs would equal or exceed 50% of the structure's value. The property is also in a floodway where residential reconstruction is now prohibited. (See attached letter from _____, Town's Zoning Administrator)

I am working with CLIENT and CVOEO to have the mobile home demolished and removed from the property. **CLIENT will be unable to demolish and remove her mobile home until she has abated all outstanding taxes on the destroyed mobile home.**

CLIENT terminated her water and sewer bill with the town months after DISASTER so there is an outstanding bill. Because the mobile home is still located on the property, the property taxes continue to accrue. For this reason, CLIENT requests that the town of _____ abate her property taxes and utility bills in accordance with Vermont statute which is, "The board may abate in whole or in part taxes, interest, and collection fees...in the following cases: (3) taxes of persons who are unable to pay their taxes, interest and collection fees, (5) taxes upon real or personal property lost or destroyed during the tax year." 24 V.S.A. 1353 (a)(3) and (5). CLIENT's current tax and utility bills represent a financial hardship for her and her real property was destroyed in DISASTER.

We respectfully request a full abatement of all outstanding tax and utility bills. If there are any questions about this, please contact me at 802-_____.

Sincerely,

YOU