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Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2011 1:52 PM
To: AfterIreneCT
Subject: FW: Home Appliance Damages Caused by Hurrican Irene

From: Peter DiTomaso [mailto:ditopet@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2011 3:31 PM
To: Senator Leone
Subject: Re: Home Appliance Damages Caused by Hurrican Irene

Thank you Senator for your prompt response. I don't think I would qualify for the assistance you mention. I had heard that New York State had made available to it's residents approximately \$8 million of it's FEMA funds for homeowners to make claims for damages incurred on their home appliances.

I was wondering if Connecticut had a similar program. What happened to me was that when the power came back on in my neighborhood the resulting power surge burned out the circuit board on my refrigerator. It cost me \$375 to have fixed. The appliance repairman said he was getting calls like that all week.

CL&P should have issued a PSA telling customers that they should turn-off or unplug their refrigerators during the power outage because when the power comes back on, surges can damage sensitive electronics in modern appliances. Refrigerators are most susceptible because even when the power is out, they remain in the "on" position.

Regards,

Peter

From: ditopet@sbcglobal.net [mailto:ditopet@sbcglobal.net]
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message: Dear Senator Leone,

Can you tell me if the state is making any funds available to homeowners who had home appliance damage associated with hurricane Irene.

The circuit board on my refrigerator was burned out do to power surges when CL

NoReply: NO DATA ENTERED

Reply: yes