

ENHANCED DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE COMPLAINT

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Consumer Services Division

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Email: [\[Consumer.Complaints@state.gov\]](mailto:Consumer.Complaints@state.gov)

Online Portal: [Complaint Reference #]

Re: FORMAL COMPLAINT AGAINST INSURER - REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION

Insurance Company: [Carrier Name]

NAIC Number: [5-digit NAIC #]

Policy Number: [Policy #]

Claim Number: [Claim #]

Date of Loss: [Date]

Amount in Dispute: \$[Amount]

Policy Type: [Homeowners/Commercial/Auto/Other]

Complaint Priority: ☐ Urgent ☒ Elderly/Disabled ☐ Military ☐ Natural Disaster

Dear Commissioner [Name] and Consumer Services Division:

I am filing this formal complaint against [Carrier Name] for egregious violations of [State] insurance regulations, systematic bad faith claim handling, and unfair settlement practices that appear to constitute a pattern of deliberate misconduct requiring immediate regulatory intervention.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

[Carrier Name] has engaged in a calculated pattern of bad faith conduct designed to avoid paying legitimate claims through tactics including [brief list: delays, misrepresentations, lowball offers, etc.]. These actions violate [State] Insurance Code Sections [list primary sections] and constitute unfair claims settlement practices requiring immediate investigation and sanctions.

Immediate Relief Requested:

1. Emergency intervention to prevent further harm
2. Order directing immediate claim payment
3. Market conduct examination of [Carrier Name]
4. Sanctions and penalties for violations
5. License review for pattern violations

I. COMPLAINANT INFORMATION

Policyholder Details:

- **Full Legal Name:** [Your complete name]
- **Date of Birth:** [DOB]
- **Policy Effective Date:** [Date]
- **Policy Renewal Date:** [Date]
- **Years with Carrier:** [Number]
- **Total Premiums Paid:** \$[Amount]
- **Previous Claims:** [None/List with dates and amounts]
- **Current Status:** [Active/Cancelled/Non-renewed]

Vulnerable Population Indicators:

[Check all that apply]

- ☐ Senior Citizen (65+)
- ☐ Disabled Individual
- ☐ Limited English Proficiency
- ☐ Military/Veteran
- ☐ Natural Disaster Victim
- ☐ Low Income

- ☐ Medical Hardship

II. DETAILED CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

Loss Event and Initial Reporting

[Date of Loss]:

- Event occurred at [time]
- Type of loss: [Detailed description]
- Cause of loss: [Specific cause - clearly covered peril]
- Immediate actions taken: [List mitigation efforts]
- Documentation created: [Photos, videos, receipts]

[Date Reported]:

- Reported via: [Phone/Online/Agent]
- Representative: [Name and ID]
- Claim number assigned: [Number]
- Initial coverage confirmation: [What was said]
- Recording available: [Yes/No]

Pattern of Violations Timeline

[Provide detailed timeline with specific violations, for example:]

[Date] - Day [#] After Loss:

- **Event:** [Specific action or inaction]
- **Violation:** [State Code Section]
- **Evidence:** [Document, recording, email]
- **Impact:** [How this harmed you]

[Continue chronologically through entire claim]

Critical Violation Examples:

[Date] - Failure to Acknowledge:

- Required by law within [#] days
- Actually acknowledged after [#] days

- Only after [#] calls and [#] emails
- Violation of [State Code §]

[Date] - Misrepresentation of Coverage:

- Agent/Adjuster [Name] stated: "[Quote]"
- Policy actually provides: "[Quote from policy]"
- Evidence: [Email/Recording/Letter dated]
- Violation of [State Code §]

[Date] - Unreasonable Delay:

- [Specific delay description]
- No legitimate reason provided
- Pattern shows intentional delay
- Violation of [State Code §]

III. SPECIFIC REGULATORY VIOLATIONS

A. Unfair Claims Settlement Practices Act Violations

[State] Insurance Code §[XXX] - Unfair Claims Settlement Practices

1. §[XXX.1] - Misrepresenting Policy Provisions

- **Requirement:** Accurate representation of coverage
- **Violation:** [Carrier] falsely claimed [specific misrepresentation]
- **Evidence:** [Specific documents/communications]
- **Pattern:** Similar misrepresentations on [dates]

2. §[XXX.2] - Failing to Acknowledge Claims Promptly

- **Requirement:** Acknowledge within [#] days
- **Violation:** No acknowledgment for [#] days
- **Evidence:** Certified mail receipts, call logs
- **Impact:** Delayed mitigation, increased damages

3. §[XXX.3] - Failing to Adopt Reasonable Standards

- **Requirement:** Consistent claim processing standards

- **Violation:** Different adjusters gave conflicting positions
- **Evidence:** [Adjuster 1] said X, [Adjuster 2] said Y
- **Pattern:** No consistent standards evident

4. §[XXX.4] - **Failing to Affirm or Deny Coverage Promptly**

- **Requirement:** Decision within [#] days
- **Violation:** No decision for [#] days
- **Evidence:** Correspondence showing delays
- **Bad Faith:** Delay appears intentional

5. §[XXX.5] - **Failing to Attempt Good Faith Settlement**

- **Requirement:** Fair settlement when liability clear
- **Violation:** Offered \$[amount] for \$[amount] documented loss
- **Evidence:** Three estimates averaging \$[amount]
- **Pattern:** Systematic undervaluation

6. §[XXX.6] - **Compelling Litigation**

- **Requirement:** Not forcing suit for obvious coverage
- **Violation:** Denying clearly covered losses
- **Evidence:** Policy language plainly covers
- **Impact:** Forcing expensive litigation

7. §[XXX.7] - **Unreasonable Delay**

- **Requirement:** Reasonable investigation time
- **Violation:** Pattern of unnecessary delays
- **Evidence:** [List specific delays]
- **Harm:** Additional damages resulted

8. §[XXX.8] - **Inadequate Investigation**

- **Requirement:** Reasonable investigation
- **Violation:** [Spent only X minutes, ignored evidence]
- **Evidence:** Adjuster report, photos ignored
- **Bad Faith:** Outcome-oriented investigation

9. §[XXX.9] - Failure to Provide Forms

- **Requirement:** Forms within [#] days
- **Violation:** Forms provided after [#] days
- **Evidence:** Written requests on [dates]
- **Impact:** Delayed claim processing

10. §[XXX.10] - Failure to Explain Denial

- **Requirement:** Written explanation with specifics
- **Violation:** Vague denial referencing "exclusions"
- **Evidence:** Denial letter dated [date]
- **Bad Faith:** No legitimate basis provided

B. Prompt Payment Statute Violations

[State] Insurance Code §[XXX] - Prompt Payment of Claims

- **Requirement:** Payment within [#] days of agreement
- **Violation:** Payment delayed [#] days
- **Penalties Due:** [#]% penalty plus interest
- **Evidence:** Agreement dated [date], payment [date]

C. Additional Statutory Violations

Market Conduct Violations:

- Pattern affecting multiple policyholders
- Systematic underpayment scheme
- Training deficiencies evident
- Corporate culture promoting violations

Consumer Protection Violations:

- Deceptive practices
- Unconscionable conduct
- Unfair trade practices
- Breach of public trust

IV. EVIDENCE OF SYSTEMATIC MISCONDUCT

Pattern Evidence

Similar Complaints:

- DOI Complaint #[Previous complaint numbers if known]
- Online reviews showing pattern [website citations]
- Class action lawsuits: [Case names if known]
- News articles: [Citations if applicable]

Internal Evidence of Bad Faith:

- Adjuster admitted being pressured to deny
- Supervisor overruled adjuster's coverage finding
- Company metrics favor denials
- Bonus structure rewards claim denials

Specific Bad Faith Indicators

Economic Coercion:

- Delayed payment to force acceptance
- "Take it or leave it" offers
- Threatened to close claim
- Exploited financial vulnerability

Litigation Abuse:

- Forced litigation on clear coverage
- Discovery abuse in prior cases
- Vexatious litigation tactics
- Economic superiority exploitation

V. HARM AND DAMAGES

Economic Harm

Quantifiable Losses:

- Unpaid claim benefits: \$[amount]
- Additional damage from delays: \$[amount]

- Professional fees required: \$[amount]
- Interest and financing costs: \$[amount]
- Credit damage: [Describe impact]
- **Total Economic Harm: \$[amount]**

Non-Economic Harm

Personal Impact:

- Emotional distress requiring treatment
- Family relationship strain
- Sleep disruption documented
- Anxiety and depression
- Loss of trust in insurance system

Societal Harm:

- Undermines insurance regulation
- Harms market competition
- Increases costs for all consumers
- Erodes public confidence

VI. ATTEMPTS TO RESOLVE

Direct Resolution Attempts

Communications with Carrier:

1. **[Date]:** Phone call to claims - Result: [Outcome]
2. **[Date]:** Email to supervisor - Result: [Outcome]
3. **[Date]:** Letter to management - Result: [Outcome]
4. **[Date]:** Executive complaint - Result: [Outcome]

All attempts unsuccessful due to:

- Refusal to reconsider position
- No meaningful review conducted
- Same violations continued
- Bad faith evident throughout

Third Party Involvement

Public Adjuster:

- [Name, License #] retained on [date]
- Carrier refused to work with PA
- PA documentation ignored

Attorney Consultation:

- Consulted counsel on [date]
- Litigation being considered
- Costs prohibitive for consumer

VII. REGULATORY ACTION REQUESTED

Immediate Actions Needed

1. Emergency Order (Within 48 Hours):

- Order immediate cease and desist
- Require claim payment pending review
- Prevent claim file destruction
- Stop collection activities if applicable

2. Investigation (Within 5 Days):

- Assign senior investigator
- Request complete claim file
- Interview all involved personnel
- Review similar complaints

3. Enforcement Actions (Within 30 Days):

- Find violations occurred
- Order corrective action
- Impose maximum penalties
- Require restitution payment

Systemic Changes Required

Market Conduct Examination:

- Comprehensive review of claim practices
- Analysis of denial/payment patterns
- Review of training programs
- Assessment of corporate culture

Corrective Action Plan:

- Reform claim handling procedures
- Retrain all claims personnel
- Implement compliance monitoring
- Regular reporting to Department

Sanctions and Penalties:

- Maximum fines for each violation
- Restitution to all affected policyholders
- Suspension of writing new business
- License revocation if pattern continues

VIII. SIMILAR COMPLAINTS AND PATTERNS

Research Conducted

NAIC Consumer Complaint Database:

- [Carrier Name] complaint ratio: [if available]
- Similar complaints filed: [number if known]
- Complaint index ranking: [if available]

Better Business Bureau:

- Current rating: [Rating]
- Complaints last 12 months: [Number]
- Pattern of issues: [Describe]

Online Reviews:

- Google Reviews: [Rating] with [#] reviews
- Common complaints: [List themes]
- Pattern evident in reviews

Legal Actions:

- Pending class actions: [If known]
- Recent verdicts against carrier: [If known]
- Regulatory actions in other states: [If known]

IX. PUBLIC INTEREST FACTORS**Why This Matters****Consumer Protection:**

- Vulnerable population affected
- Pattern suggests widespread harm
- Deterrence necessary
- Public trust at stake

Market Impact:

- Unfair competitive advantage
- Honest insurers disadvantaged
- Premium increases result
- Coverage availability affected

Regulatory Integrity:

- Laws must be enforced
- Violations cannot be profitable
- Department credibility important
- Precedent for industry

X. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**Attached Evidence****Organized in Following Tabs:**

Tab A - Policy Documents:

1. Complete insurance policy
2. Declarations pages
3. Endorsements and riders
4. Renewal notices
5. Premium payment proof

Tab B - Claim Correspondence:

1. Initial claim report
2. All letters to/from carrier
3. Email communications
4. Claim notes (if obtained)
5. Denial/underpayment letters

Tab C - Evidence of Loss:

1. Photos of damage ([#] images)
2. Video documentation
3. Professional estimates
4. Expert reports
5. Receipts and invoices

Tab D - Professional Documentation:

1. Public adjuster report
2. Contractor estimates ([#])
3. Engineer evaluation
4. Code official letters
5. Mitigation invoices

Tab E - Violation Evidence:

1. Timeline with violations marked
2. Statutory provisions violated
3. Recording transcripts (if any)
4. Witness statements

5. Pattern documentation

Tab F - Impact Documentation:

1. Medical records (if applicable)
2. Financial impact evidence
3. Credit reports showing damage
4. Family impact statements
5. Professional fee invoices

XI. DECLARATION AND CERTIFICATION

Truthfulness Declaration

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of [State] that:

1. All information provided is true and correct
2. All documents are authentic
3. No material facts have been omitted
4. I will cooperate with investigation
5. I will provide additional information as needed

Authorization

I authorize the Department to:

- Investigate this complaint fully
- Contact me for additional information
- Share information with law enforcement
- Coordinate with other state departments
- Take all necessary enforcement actions

Contact Preferences

Best Contact Method:

- Primary Phone: [Number] (Best times: [times])
- Secondary Phone: [Number]
- Email: [Address] (Checked daily)
- Mailing Address: [Address]

Special Accommodations Needed:

- [List any disabilities or language needs]

XII. URGENCY FACTORS**Why Immediate Action Required****Time-Sensitive Issues:**

- Statute of limitations approaching: [Date]
- Additional damage occurring daily
- Financial hardship escalating
- Health impacts worsening
- Evidence at risk of destruction

Public Safety:

- Property unsafe without repairs
- Mold growth creating health hazard
- Structural dangers present
- Code violations exist

XIII. CONCLUSION AND REQUEST**Summary**

[Carrier Name]'s conduct in handling this claim exemplifies the worst practices in the insurance industry and demonstrates why strong regulatory enforcement is essential. The pattern of violations is clear, deliberate, and causing significant harm not just to me but likely to hundreds or thousands of other policyholders.

Specific Relief Requested**I respectfully request the Commissioner:**

1. **Immediately intervene** to stop ongoing harm
2. **Order payment** of all valid claims
3. **Investigate thoroughly** with subpoena power
4. **Impose maximum penalties** for violations

5. **Require systemic reforms** at [Carrier Name]
6. **Consider license actions** if warranted
7. **Refer for criminal prosecution** if fraud found
8. **Notify other states** of findings
9. **Issue public warning** about practices
10. **Provide restitution** to affected consumers

Final Statement

The Department of Insurance exists to protect consumers from exactly this type of predatory conduct. Insurance is a promise—a promise that [Carrier Name] has broken repeatedly and deliberately. I trust the Department will take swift and decisive action to remedy these violations and prevent future harm to consumers.

I am available to provide any additional information, testify at hearings, or assist in the investigation in any way needed. Please confirm receipt of this complaint immediately and provide a complaint tracking number and expected timeline for investigation.

Thank you for your attention to this serious matter.

Respectfully submitted,

[Your Signature]

[Your Printed Name]

[Date]

Copies Sent To:

- **[Governor's Office of Consumer Affairs]**
- **[Attorney General's Office - Consumer Protection]**
- **[State Senator - District #]**
- **[State Representative - District #]**
- **[Carrier Name] - CEO and Legal Department**
- **[NAIC - National Association of Insurance Commissioners]**
- **[Local Media Contacts]** - pending outcome
- **[Public Adjuster]** - if applicable
- **[Attorney]** - if retained
- **File**

POST-COMPLAINT ACTIONS

Immediate Follow-Up:

- ☐ Confirm receipt within 48 hours
- ☐ Calendar follow-up dates
- ☐ Document any retaliation
- ☐ Continue claim diary
- ☐ Save all new correspondence

If No Response in 10 Days:

- ☐ Call Commissioner's office
- ☐ Contact state representatives
- ☐ Consider media involvement
- ☐ File federal complaints if applicable
- ☐ Engage attorney if necessary

Track Resolution:

- ☐ Document all DOI communications
- ☐ Comply with all requests promptly
- ☐ Provide updates on new violations
- ☐ Track similar complaints online
- ☐ Consider class action if pattern shown

Note: This enhanced complaint template is comprehensive and designed to trigger serious regulatory review. It should be customized with specific facts and applicable state law citations. Consider having an attorney review before submission if the claim is substantial. Some states have specific complaint forms that must be used—this letter can supplement but not replace required forms. The Department of Insurance is a powerful ally when insurers violate the law, but complaints must be detailed and well-documented to trigger meaningful action.