



PRESS RELEASE

Mortgage Relief for Georgia Families

Atlanta, Ga. (May 9, 2016) | Representative Jimmy Pruett is encouraging citizens of District 149 in fear of losing their home to take advantage of the Department of Community Affairs (DCA), HomeSafe Program.

HomeSafe Georgia is a statewide program designed to prevent foreclosure due to unemployment, underemployment and other types of financial hardship. There is no cost to apply and no fees if you are approved to receive funds to help pay your mortgage. Over the last 12 months, 1,418 individuals and families were approved for HomeSafe Georgia and approximately \$31 million was paid to mortgage companies on behalf of homeowners during the past 12 months to help them keep their homes. The program has helped homeowners in 131 Georgia counties.

Pruett, who currently serves as the Chairman of the House State Planning and Community Affairs committee works closely with DCA to ensure program funding. "As of March this year, we have had less than 10 families in the district take advantage of this program since its inception 5 years ago," Pruett said. "This is one of the great things our state is doing for citizens that no one seems to know about. The money is there, we just need to make sure that some of this assistance comes to our region of the state. I personally know a lot of hard working individuals that could use some help recovering from the recession."

HomeSafe Georgia has been able to assist 4,900 families so that they can remain in their homes through this temporary mortgage payment program. For more information on the program, please visit www.HomeSafeGeorgia.com, or contact Representative Pruett directly through his Atlanta office, 404-656-7855.

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Rep. Pruett serves as the Chairman of the State Planning & Community Affairs Committee and is a member of Appropriations, Economic Development & Tourism, Game, Fish, & Parks, Health & Human Services, Industry and Labor, and MARTOC Committees. He represents the 149th House District which includes Dodge, Telfair, Wheeler and portions of Jeff Davis and Laurens counties. He may be reached at 404.656.7855 or via email at Jimmy.Pruett@house.ga.gov.