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## **Chamber Hosts Fly-In of Delegation of Parish and Business Leaders to Washington, D.C. to Address National Flood Insurance Program**

**METAIRIE, LA** – September 11, 2013 – At the peak of hurricane season in the Gulf South, the [Jefferson Chamber of Commerce](#) will host 29 business leaders and local elected officials for a trip to the nation’s capital from September 11-13 to discuss and promote the Chamber’s federal legislative agenda, including important issues concerning the National Flood Insurance Program and its impact on Jefferson Parish and surrounding areas.

One year following the devastation of Hurricane Isaac, the group will meet with members of the Louisiana congressional delegation and key departmental staff and representatives of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce to voice concerns over the Biggert–Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 and FEMA preliminary flood maps.

“Generations of Louisiana home and business owners have made lifelong plans and investments based on the existence of affordable flood insurance,” said Todd Murphy, Jefferson Chamber President. “Increased insurance rates and changes to the flood insurance maps would be devastating to residents and the business community of Jefferson and our neighboring parishes. We are making it a priority to voice our concerns on Capitol Hill and look for viable solutions.”

According to a [poll](#) conducted by the Congressional Management Foundation, 46 percent of surveyed congressional staffers said that in-person visits are very influential in helping them form opinions.

The Washington Fly-In is an event that was organized by the Government Committee of the Jefferson Chamber and is sponsored by Adams and Reese LLP, Peoples Health, and Entergy.

[Click here](#) to view the full 2013 Washington Fly-In Agenda.

For more information on the Washington, D.C. Fly-In Conference, please visit [www.jeffersonchamber.org](http://www.jeffersonchamber.org) or contact Selva Riemann at (504) 835-3880, ext. 12 or [selva@jeffersonchamber.org](mailto:selva@jeffersonchamber.org).

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### **About the Jefferson Chamber:**

With over 1,000 members, the Jefferson Chamber is the premier business organization in the Greater New Orleans area. As a membership-driven, non-profit organization, we work on behalf of our members to help their businesses grow, implement relevant and informative programming and provide opportunities to build relationships with other businesses in the community.

Our Mission is to work for the advancement of the business community; to enhance the economic, civic and cultural environment; and to improve the quality of life in Jefferson Parish. The Jefferson Chamber was recently awarded the 2013 Chamber of the Year Award by the Louisiana Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives.

The Jefferson Chamber of Commerce is located at 3421 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 203, Metairie, LA 70002. For more information about the Jefferson Chamber, please contact (504) 835-3880 or visit [www.jeffersonchamber.org](http://www.jeffersonchamber.org).