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Realtors® from ECAR Urge Lawmakers to Help Reshape Real Estate

(Emerald Coast, Fla) – The Emerald Coast Association of Realtors® (ECAR) brought local real estate issues from across the Emerald Coast to Washington when Realtors® from the area met with Representative Jeff Miller and Senators Bill Nelson and George Lemieux recently. They were in the nation’s capital as part of the National Association of Realtors® Midyear Legislative Meetings & Trade Expo, May 10-15.

During the meetings, Realtors® from across the country gathered with public policy officials, industry representatives and academic thought leaders to generate solutions for the challenges facing today’s real estate market and the general economy.

“These meetings are imperative not only to address the challenges facing the real estate market today, but also to make lawmakers aware of what consumers are struggling with when it comes to homeownership,” said 2010 ECAR President Mary Anne Windes.

Windes’s meeting with Congressman Jeff Miller focused on issues vital to the real estate market here along the Emerald Coast, including ensuring that homeowners have access to affordable property insurance, reforming the secondary mortgage market so that financing remains available and affordable for people who want to buy a home, ensuring that the Federal Housing Administration continues to help first-time buyers become homeowners, making the higher loan



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limits established for FHA loans and mortgages purchased on the secondary mortgage market permanent, and enhancing liquidity in the commercial real estate market.

“Realtors® believe the federal government should have a continued key role in the secondary mortgage market and make permanent the current Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and FHA loan limits,” said Windes. “This is essential to making homeownership available and affordable to everyone.”

NAR President Vicki Cox Golder praised ECAR’s efforts. “NAR is a leading advocate for housing issues, and our members are working hard here in D.C. and in their communities to make sure the issues that matter most for home buyers, sellers and real estate investors in their local areas are heard,” said Golder, owner of Vicki L. Cox & Associates in Tucson, Ariz.

The Emerald Coast Association of Realtors is a not-for-profit trade association with over 2300 members. The mission of the Emerald Coast Association of Realtors is to assist all members in promoting their success through education, marketing, and member services.

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