**Mortgage Letter of Explanation**

Four “New” Credit Card Accounts

As I mentioned before, I am doing my best to rebuild my credit-standing. To this end, I have applied and been approved for 3 major credit cards and 1 “store” card. In order to not incur more debt than I can reasonably pay off, I limit my usage of these accounts to what I can afford. However, as they are still relatively new, the fine “art” of using these cards and paying them before they report high balances to the Credit Bureaus is still one that I am learning. My balances are still, I believe, reasonable and fairly average.

We make a point of paying far, far, far more than the “minimum payment” on each one – and in fact, make multiple payments **(which has been suggested to us by several FICO Forum experts) during the month.**

In conclusion

While I admit that we have many issues that have affected our past credit-standing, we have implemented many measures to assure that our credit scores and worthiness will increase. While we have the luxury of a stable government job in this economy at an important base in the US Navy hierarchy, we also make a point of taking cost saving measures where we can. We have since cut back on luxury items such as cell phone bills, cable, entertainment expenses, and monitor our accounts and budget to the penny.

And please let me add that we completely understand the impact of a mortgage and the responsibility that goes with such a commitment. We have never, in the 11 years that we have rented our home, been late on a rental payment. While we see daily the effects of the current economy and can certainly understand a lender's aversion to the hint of “risk,” we do believe that my stable job with the Federal Government, our rental history, and the dedication we've shown to fixing our past mistakes and repairing our credit make us an excellent risk. We have weathered quite a bit of adversity, both personally and in regard to credit, and we have emerged stronger, wiser and more dedicated to doing what's “right” - not what's “easy.”

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Very respectfully,