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Democratic members of Congress from California are demanding a face-to-face meeting with President Barack Obama over the mortgage meltdown that's put millions of homeowners underwater.

They say that despite repeated meetings with members of the President's cabinet and other high-level staff, very little has been done to solve the ongoing foreclosure problem. The lawmakers note that they have presented numerous possible solutions, all of which seem to have slipped into oblivion.

"We have yet to receive a decision from your Administration. Why not?" ask the Democrats of Mr. Obama in a letter sent Thursday.

Homeowners in California have been disproportionately affected by the foreclosure crisis, they says.

"To bolster our state's economy, we need to take the necessary steps to keep people in their homes. My colleagues and I are calling for commonsense measures to help folks in danger of foreclosure," says Rep. Jerry McNerney, D-Pleasanton whose district includes much of Stockton and San Joaquin County, where the mortgage meltdown has been especially severe.

"In my area, most significantly in Stockton, there is a disturbingly high foreclosure rate. We must take steps to help families find responsible and manageable solutions to stay in their homes. This will help our entire community to survive in today's economy," says Mr. McNerney.

The letter to the President notes that the members of Congress “have repeatedly met with [Housing Secretary Shaun] Donovan and [Treasury Secretary Timothy Franz] Geithner during this time and have presented numerous constituent cases to them demonstrating the questionable, possibly fraudulent, and irresponsible practices of the mortgage servicing industry. We have also offered several specific recommendations to reduce preventable foreclosures and provide relief to aggrieved homeowners, including a principal paydown plan to reduce negative home equity which is necessary as the remedy for the housing woes in America.”

The latter notes that as of the end of the third quarter in 2011, 10.7 million homeowners nationwide owed more on their mortgages than their homes are worth. In California alone, more than 34 percent of homeowners with mortgages faced negative equity or were very close to being underwater.