



# Sample Hardship Letter

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Date:  
Lender:  
Attn: Loss Mitigation

RE: HARDSHIP LETTER—(PROPERTY ADDRESS)  
ACCOUNT NUMBER

To Whom It May Concern:

I purchased my home in 2005 and we had the income at the time to support the mortgage.

In early 2006, my mother was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease and needed to be put in a nursing home, which was very expensive. She later passed away in November 2006. At this time, my husband lost his job and has since taken a significance cut in pay. We love our home and do not want to lose it but we have come to terms with the fact that we cannot afford to keep it.

This left me with the financial burden of paying the mortgage. I make \$35,000 annually and I have exhausted all of my savings, IRA's and my children's college funds. I used to keep the mortgage payments current until May 2007.

In May 2009, I was no longer able to make payments and inquired about partial payments, payment plans, and refinance; I was denied on all accounts. In July 2009, I put the house up for sale with (Your Agent's Name and Brokerage Firm) who specializes in pre-foreclosure properties and short sales.

My financial situation cannot sustain a home mortgage of nearly \$2800 per month. I want to sell the home, avoid foreclosure and salvage my credit. I know that a foreclosure on my record will affect me for years to come, I would ask that you please assist me in avoiding this.

Since the house has been on the market this is the only offer that we have received. Please accept this offer as payment in full. My agent will continue to market the house.

I deeply appreciate your help and understanding in this matter. If you have any questions, or need anything further from me, please contact my agent or me personally.

Sincerely,

Jane Seller