This organization has never solicited members, contributions or "fees" promising or indicating that it would file a claim and or get you into the historic Pigford Class Action. We have not received your $100 sent to Covington, TN and once again, this organization has no relationship with that organization and accepts no responsibility or liability for that group's actions.

On the current Pigford II Class --

- The $1.25 billion is in a special appropriations bill to be voted on by the end of March 2010 (hopefully). The funds are for late claims filed after September 15, 2001.

- The Class is not open for new claims. If you do not already have a claim filed, the court is not accepting new claimants into the class, as far as we know.

  - Only those who have a Tracking Number at the Monitor's Office are eligible to file a claim for restitution. If you have no Tracking Number you are not in the Class and unfortunately, there is no avenue for you to become a member. If you are not sure if you have a Tracking Number or not call the Monitor at 1-877- 924-7483.

- If you do have a Tracking Number, you are eligible to have your day in court. However, this does not assure you of success and receiving the $50,000 or other payment. **You must still prove that discrimination occurred between January 1, 1981 and December 31, 1996.**

- You will need an attorney to file your claim and the current understanding is that you will have to pay the attorney out of your settlement. We are not sure what happens if your claim is not successful.

- And finally, please know that there are **TAX LIBILITITIES** associated with any settlement you receive from the class action. That means if you get $50k, it will be reported to your state department of revenue as income; and if you get debt write off or write down, it will be reported to your state and the IRS as income.

- Hopefully, this has been helpful. If you still have questions, please feel free to contact the national BFAA office at 252-826-2800.

If you would like to support the work of this organization, BFAA is 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization and membership dues are $40.00 per year. We also accept contributions of any size in support of the work we do to keep Black farmers in business and assisting Black land owners.

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