**One large insurance company will no longer offer home insurance to new Customers in California due to wild fire threats.**

**State Farm stopped offering home insurance in California to new customers effective May 27, 2023. Those with insurance will be paying a lot more to keep their current policies and payouts, when disaster hits, are not certain.**

**Predictably other insurance companies, including significant insurers like AllState, AIG, Chubb and others, followed suit. It should not have surprise anyone, when there are an abnormal amount of claims for profit insurance companies will not risk their business to issue insurance policies that would put them out of business.**

**We wrote about "Tornado Ian" which destroyed 4 million homes in Florida and noted that many insurance companies avoided making payments to many Floridians who had lost their homes. In all fairness to insurance companies, the honest brokers paid the price as in Florida, ten (10) insurance companies did go bankrupt.**

**Sadly, most of the 4 million homes, insured or not, will not be rebuilt in our lifetimes. Partly because of insurance issues, but also because the cost of wood has quadrupled and there are not enough carpenters, electricians and plumbers (and other craftsmen) to rebuild the 4 million homes that were built over time span of about 100 years - when wood was available and much cheaper. All those seniors now living indefinitely in tents and sleeping bags (and no bathrooms) will not have real shelter and suffer health consequences except for the few who can find real shelter. These are the homeless who deserve, and really need help.**

**Closer to home, it is now the reality that the cost of rebuilding a home in California, not including the value of the land, is $1.35 million. (In the last five (5) years, 25,000 homes in California have been destroyed by wild fires.)**

**The risks are not just fires, but flooding, has, and will be, ruining our homes. In California, we haven't had a good earthquake recently, and when the Big one hits, we will all need a lot of cash to rebuild, because we cannot depend on the insurance companies to bail us out, even when we are properly insured.**

**How many of us have over a million dollars to replace our homes?**

**This is another reminder that we no longer live in normal times.**