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Dangerous Living

To the Editor:

The growing tendency of Americans to take up residence in fragile landscapes – whether forests, mountains, deserts, wetlands or barrier islands – is, or should be, a source of national concern. Their expectation, shared apparently by certain elected politicians, that the rest of us taxpayers should bail them out when disaster strikes or even threatens is, or should be, a national disgrace.

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- 1p 35 ■ What “is, or should be, a national disgrace” (last sentence), according to Thomas J. Carolan Jr.?
The fact that
- A more and more people move from urban areas to fragile landscapes.
 - B only rich and powerful people can afford to build houses in fragile landscapes.
 - C people who live in fragile landscapes expect state support when nature turns against them.
 - D the authorities spend more on preserving fragile landscapes than on helping citizens in need.