



DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING

Frank H. Murkowski, Governor

November 30, 2004

Ms. Virginia M. Gibbs, Chairman
Appraisal Subcommittee
2000 "K" Street, N.W., Suite 310
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Ms. Gibbs:

The Alaska Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers plan to meet January 27, 2005. At that time we hope to begin the process of revising the State's statutes and regulations so that they are in compliance with the new guidelines established by the Appraiser Qualifications Board, which becomes effective January 1, 2008.

However, while the board wishes to move ahead, Mr. Rick Urion, the Director of the Division that oversees this board and its licensing examiner, questions the need for this state to comply with the new guidelines.

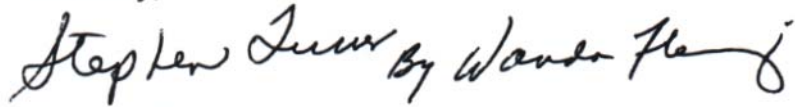
The board does not agree with this point of view, as we understand that the additional educational requirements only serve to improve the appraisal profession. Our question to you is simply, what are the consequences to this state and its appraisers if the new guidelines are not adopted?

Your timely response would be appreciated, as we plan to meet with the Director at the January 27, 2005 meeting to discuss this issue.

You should also know that this board might sunset in 2005 unless the legislature and governor extend the life of the board. If the board is dissolved, any future correspondence to this state will most likely be with the licensing examiner, the supervisor and the Director, Rick Urion.

You may respond to the board's concerns by forwarding your response to the address provided in this letter or you may mail your response to the licensing examiner, Wanda Fleming at wanda_fleming@commerce.state.ak.us. If you need to contact myself you may call (907) 274-3163 or contact Ms. Fleming at (907) 465-2542.

Sincerely,



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