

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

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Mr. Ben Henson  
Executive Director  
Appraisal Subcommittee  
2000 K Street, N.W.  
Suite 310  
Washington, D.C. 20006

Re: Temporary Practice Permit Requests  
for State Certified Real Estate Appraisers

Dear Mr. Henson:

Recently I made inquiries of your staff, specifically Mr. Marc L. Weinberg, and Ms. Vicki Ledbetter. These two individuals both refused to answer my questions, and refused to do something even more important. *They refused to acknowledge that I am a citizen of the United States, and that I am entitled to equal protection under the law.*

My specific questions were:

1. When is a state allowed to delay the processing of a Temporary Practice Permit request?
2. When is a state allowed to deny a Temporary Practice Permit request?

The two people I spoke with tried to impress me with two unrelated matters.

First, one of your staff, Mr. Weinberg, tried to convince me that because he had gone to college in the "60s" he was somehow part of some ongoing protest movement against abusive government. I was not impressed by Mr. Weinberg's comments, and I should tell Mr. Weinberg something: many of us, including the generations from the 70s, 80s, and 90s, as well as the more astute of the newest generation reaching maturity, recognize one thing: *many of the protesters of the "60s" have now been co-opted by the same government that cannot even balance its annual fiscal budget. We, myself, and the many other referenced here, are not impressed by the fact that Mr. Weinberg may have run around in multi-colored T-shirts pretending he was a "Hippie" forty years ago.* Mr. Weinberg has a responsibility to the citizens of this country, and that has nothing to do with whatever substances he chose to imbibe (or not so) 40 years ago.

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Second, Ms. Vicki Ledbetter tried to tell me that the States somehow have the right, individually, to determine which appraisers are "morally" qualified to travel from state-to-state to prepare appraisals relative to **FEDERALLY** related transactions. The comments by Ms. Ledbetter were completely non-sensical. Ms. Ledbetter seemed to insinuate that despite **FEDERAL** laws, that the separate States are allowed to set individual subjective standards for the issuance of Temporary Practice Permits.

**GIVEN THE NONE RESPONSIVE AND NON-SENSICAL ANSWERS PROVIDED BY THE MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF, I AM COMPELLED TO SUBMIT THIS REQUEST SUBJECT TO FEDERAL LAWS RELATED TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.**

**ATTACHED YOU WILL FIND A LISTING OF THE DOCUMENTS I AM ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN. THIS LIST IS AS SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE AND IS INTENDED TO SOLICIT ALL INFORMATION AVAILABLE WITH REGARD TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE APPRAISAL SUBCOMMITTEE RELATING TO TEMPORARY PRACTICE PERMIT REQUESTS.**

**PURSUANT TO THE APPRAISAL SUBCOMMITTEE'S PUBLISHED RULES, PLEASE BE ADVISED OF THE FOLLOWING:**

- **The preferred method of delivery of the records is paper copies to the address specified in the header to page 1 of this correspondence;**
- **My electronic mail address is rkrmai@sprynet.com;**
- **I am not an educational, scientific, or news related person or entity; and**
- **I am requesting a waiver of fees and costs relative to this request pursuant to paragraph (e)(1)(x) of the Appraisal Subcommittee's Rules, Section 1102.306, in that the request made here is not submitted solely for my commercial interest and because disclosure of the records is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of government.**

As a citizen of this great Nation, I thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Robert K. Rickman, MAI

cc: Marc Weinberg, via electronic mail  
Vicki Ledbetter, via electronic mail

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST SUBMITTED TO BEN HENSON MAY 1, 2006

1. All **Appraisal Subcommittee** audit documents of individual States relating to compliance with Federal policies regarding the issuance of **Temporary Practice Permit** requests.
2. All **Appraisal Subcommittee** internal memoranda, electronic correspondences, letters, and telefaxes, relating to enforcement of Federal law and Appraisal Subcommittee policies relating to **Temporary Practice Permit requests.**
3. All **Appraisal Subcommittee** documentation received from certified or licensed appraisers from the various States objecting to the practices of the individual States whereby individual States may have denied or delayed requests for **Temporary Practice Permits.**
4. **Specific Appraisal Subcommittee** audit documents for the **States of Florida and Arizona** relating to compliance with Federal policies regarding the issuance of **Temporary Practice Permit** requests.
5. **Specific Appraisal Subcommittee** internal memoranda, electronic correspondences, letters, and telefaxes, relating to enforcement of Federal law and Appraisal Subcommittee policies relating to **Temporary Practice Permit requests for the States of Florida and Arizona.**
6. All **Appraisal Subcommittee** documentation received from certified or licensed appraisers from the various States objecting to the practices of the **States of Arizona and Florida** whereby these States may have denied or delayed requests for **Temporary Practice Permits.**