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Dear Ben Henson:

Recently, I was made aware of a situation regarding the qualifying, testing, licensing, and regulating of real estate appraisal instructors.

I am told that the Appraisal Foundation, located in Washington D.C., has developed a mandatory course for state licensed and real estate appraisers. If a state licensed appraiser doesn't take or pass this exam, they are no longer allowed to teach real estate appraisal course.

This seems to be in direct conflict with Public Law 101-73, Title XI of 1989, which gave this authority to states. Furthermore, the courses offered by the Appraisal Foundation are held infrequently at expensive locations.

I hope you will be able to look into this problem.

I wish to issue a prompt response to my constituent as soon as possible. Accordingly, please notify Roberta Caraceni, a member of my staff, at 1991 Main Street, Sarasota, FL 34236, 941-951-6643 concerning this matter. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Katherine Harris  
Member of Congress

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