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# Appraisal Subcommittee

*Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council*

**Via Certified Mail – Return Receipt Requested**

January 10, 2002

Honorable Anthony A. Williams, Mayor  
Government of the District of Columbia  
John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Mayor Williams:

The Appraisal Subcommittee of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (“ASC”) is a Federal government agency responsible, among other things, for overseeing State real estate appraiser regulatory programs under Title XI of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989, as amended (“Title XI”), 12 U.S.C. 3310 and 12 U.S.C. 3331, *et seq.* In exercising our oversight, we must ensure that each State and territory maintains an appraiser regulatory program that, consistent with Title XI, licenses and certifies real estate appraisers who can perform appraisals in connection with federally related transactions, and effectively supervises the activities of those appraisers.

We understand the District of Columbia’s Board of Appraisers (“Board”) has been inactive since July 2001, because it has been unable to achieve a quorum. This has been caused by several longstanding unfilled Board member vacancies. During this time, the Board has been unable to perform its responsibilities under Federal law. Officials within the Department of Consumer Affairs told us that, even though the Office on Boards and Commissions had received adequate notice of Board member term expirations, these positions have remained vacant. These positions need to be filled as soon as possible, and the Board must resume active operation.

We understand that you, as Mayor, make the ultimate decision regarding appointments to the Board. We, therefore, are asking you to become personally involved in this matter to ensure the expeditious appointment of qualified persons to the Board. Please provide us with your plan to fill these positions within 30 days.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Watson, Jr.  
Chairman

cc: Eric W. Price  
Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development

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