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Appraisal Subcommittee

Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council

July 31, 2000

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Wauconda, IL 60084

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This letter responds to your June 5, 2000 letter regarding "Illinois Appraisal Testing and Administration." In your letter, you expressed general concerns about the appraiser testing process and testing company, but did not identify any specific concerns or allegations. You also stated that "no board member or appraisal authority" responded to your concerns in writing.

The appraiser licensing examinations given by Illinois were developed by Applied Measurement Professionals, Inc. ("AMP"). AMP is one of several exam providers approved by the Appraiser Qualifications Board of the Appraisal Foundation. Their exams have been validated and are approved for use by States. You did not present any evidence to substantiate that the exams you took were unacceptable.

Each State is authorized to establish its own pass/fail score for appraiser examinations. States may change this score from time to time, as they deem appropriate. The scores of 70 and 75 that you indicated that Illinois has used fall within the normal range used by most States.

In your March 13, 2000 letter to the Illinois Office of Banks and Real Estate, you asked the State to grant you an appraiser license because you had scored [Deletion] on two examinations and had a [Deletion] grade point. Given its 75% passing score requirement, it would be inappropriate for Illinois to grant such a request.

In the future, if the Office of Banks and Real Estate staff fails to respond to you, you may wish to contact Joe Mildice, current Illinois Appraisal Board Chairman.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Ben Henson
Executive Director