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

Dear Mr. Henson,

I am writing you in response to a letter I received from the Missouri Real Estate Appraisers Commission. Enclosed is the referred letter.

After corresponding with my Senator, Christopher S. Bond, his office has suggested that I contact you about this matter. Also enclosed is a letter sent to Senator Bonds office from David S. Bunton.

I received notice that I passed my Residential Real Estate Appraisers examination on April 14, 1999. Enclosed is a copy of that letter. It stated that I had a period of up to 3 years to gain my experience hours. Also, at that time, the requirements to become a Missouri State Certified Residential Real Estate Appraiser stated that the 2500 hours of appraisal experience could not be obtained over a period of not less than 24 months. Enclosed is a copy of that requirement. After working for the next 2 years I gained the required 2500 experience hours and turned them into the Commission. On June 28, 2001 I received my certification from the state of Missouri, 26 months after passing my exam. Had I been aware of a 24 month requirement, I certainly would have completed my hours before that required time. Additionally, I was told I could not complete my experience hours in not less than 24 months by my state commission. Then your office adopted a binding interpretation in the year of 2000 to complete the experience hours in 24 months. I was never notified of this change. I do not feel it is fair to have rules changed without proper notification. It should have started with proposed appraisers who passed their exam in the year of 2000.

On Senator Bond's recommendation, I am writing you to ask for a waiver of the state

requirement that I retake the exam. I fail to see how retaking the exam solves the "interpretation" problem. I am a small businessman in Albany, Mo. where I am the only employee. For me to close my office and spend many additional hours to study for a retake of the exam is not feasible for me at this time. As I stated in my letter to Mr. Fitzwater, had I been at any fault or error for the mistake, I would feel that it would be my duty to help correct the oversight. However, I was not responsible for the oversight and do not feel I should be punished for this mistake.

In the four years of being a State Certified Appraiser, I have not had any complaints or reviews of my work. I feel this also should be considered. I would be happy to send you references of former clients should you wish to see them.

I would appreciate your help and assistance in this matter and look forward in hearing from you soon.

Respectfully,

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Cc. Senator Christopher S. Bond