Appraisal Subcommittee Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council

VIA FAX

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Rodger Fitzwater, Executive Director Missouri Real Estate Appraisers Commission P.O. Box 1335 Jefferson City, MO 65102-1335

Dear Mr. Fitzwater:

We understand that Missouri has been unable to pay the most recent Appraisal Subcommittee ("ASC") National Registry invoice because the State's accounting personnel will not authorize payment absent our statement that the ASC is the sole source supplier for National Registry information.

The ASC is the sole source supplier for National Registry information. The ASC is the only entity authorized by Federal law, *i.e.*, Title XI of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989, as amended, ("Title XI"), to maintain the National Registry of State Certified and Licensed Real Estate Appraisers and to collect National Registry information and National Registry fees from States. *See* § 1109 of Title XI, 12 U.S.C. 3338.

Please contact us if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Ben Henson Executive Director