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Mr. Steve Fritts Chairman,
Appraisal Subcommittee of FFIEC
c/o Ben Henson
2000 K Street, NW
Suite 310
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Mr. Fritts:

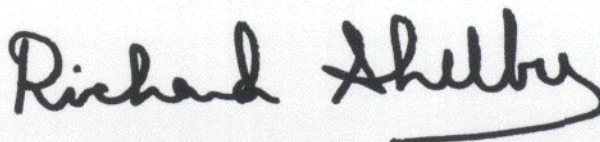
Thank you for testifying March 24 before the Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation. In order to complete the hearing record, we would appreciate your answers to the enclosed questions from Senator Reed.

Please set forth the question, then your answer to it, and single-space both question and answer. Please do not use all capitals.

Send your reply to Mr. John Paul Green, the Committee's Deputy Chief Clerk. He will transmit copies to the appropriate offices, including the Committee's publications office. Due to current procedures regarding Senate mail, it is recommended that you send replies via e-mail attachment to JP_Green@banking.senate.gov.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Mr. Green at (202) 224-7391.

Sincerely,



Richard Shelby
Chairman

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**Senate Banking Committee
Real Estate Appraisal Industry Hearing
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Senator Reed

Questions for All Witnesses

1. Do you believe that the Appraisal Subcommittee should have rulemaking authority? If so, why is that necessary and what do you see as the benefits?

2. Do you believe that the Appraisal Subcommittee needs enforcement options other than decertification? If so, what specific measures would you recommend and why? (Ask of all except Steve Fritts)

3. Mr. Fritts' testimony indicates that half of all appraisals originate with mortgage bankers and that Title XI does not regulate these appraisals. Do you believe that Title XI should be amended to capture appraisals originated by mortgage brokers?