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Thomas E. Watson, Jr.
Chairman, Appraisal
Subcommittee
2000 K Street, NW, Suite 310
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Mr. Watson,

We have received your review of Idaho's appraisal regulatory program and thank you for your comments. The two items mentioned in your letter were discussed with us during the review and we were pleased to be informed of a misunderstanding we had regarding approval of courses. In the future we will no longer accept an application for course credit simply because the provider is an Appraisal Foundation sponsor, but will examine all course materials with the same critical review.

The other item, which we have been working diligently to improve on, is improving the complaint investigation and resolution process. The State of Idaho has assigned an additional investigator to assist in this part of the process, and the Assistant Attorney General assigned to our board was able to close 8 cases last month. One action is currently pending against one appraiser that, when resolved through the legal process, will remove some 10 cases from our backlog. In all, we resolved 12 cases between July and September. At this pace we will not have a backlog except in those cases turned over for legal action. The board, through the Attorney General's Office, is attempting to settle as many of these cases as possible, but we (the Board) cannot intervene in this process. At this point in time, the cases turned over for legal review, 23 of which involve only 3 appraisers, represent the major log-jamb in our complaint review process. We will, as you suggest, continue to focus on these long-outstanding complaints. Mr. Kersey will provide you with copies of his complaint reports to the board.

Sincerely,



Stanley D. Moe, Chairman
Idaho Real Estate Appraiser Board