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Mr. Ben Henson, Executive Director
Appraisal Subcommittee
2000 K Street, NW, Suite 310

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Re: Ohio Real Estate Appraisal Regulation

Dear Mr. Henson:

Thank you for your letter of March 16, 2005, and your statement of appreciation. It is important to the credibility of our regulatory program that we are able to provide you with prompt and thorough responses as it evolves.

Representative Blasdel introduced H.B. 113 in the Ohio House of Representatives on March 2, 2005. The bill was assigned to the House Financial Institutions, Real Estate & Securities Committee, chaired by Rep. Widener. This bill has not yet been scheduled for its sponsor testimony. The division staff has also reviewed some comments on the bill from members of our Appraiser Board.

I understand that the formation of a Probable Cause Committee was the topic of discussion by the Appraiser Board at its last meeting on March 18, 2005, but that the Committee has not yet been formally constituted.

Effective April 4, 2005, the division will have a new Superintendent. Mrs. Kelly Davids, formerly of the Ohio Department of Education, will be assuming her duties with Commerce that day. I am confident that you will enjoy working with her. Director White, Assistant Director Gatien and I introduced her to the division staff on March 29, 2005. I was honored to be able, however briefly, to assist in the transition from Anne Petit's leadership to Mrs. Davids' and I certainly commend Kelly to you and your organization.

Very truly yours,

James N. Turner
Acting Superintendent

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cc: Kelly Davids, Superintendent

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