Appraisal Subcommittee

Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council

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Via Fax

Mr. Ian Harlow, Commissioner Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs Penn Center, 2601 North 3rd Street Harrisburg PA 17110 Fax: 717-783-0510

Re: Letter of Support for AARO Conference Attendance

Dear Mr. Harlow:

On behalf of the Appraisal Subcommittee (ASC), I am writing to encourage your consideration in sending at least one, if not more, of your staff and/or board members to the 2015 Fall Conference of the Association of Appraiser Regulatory Officials (AARO). The Conference takes place on October 16 - October 19 at the Westin Washington DC City Center, 1400 M Street NW, Washington, DC 20005. Vital information for the States regarding enforcement and administration of appraiser and appraisal management company regulatory laws will be provided and discussed.

The Conference agenda will include presentations from:

- ASC staff, including the Executive Director and General Counsel;
- Chairmen of the Appraisal Standards Board, Appraiser Qualifications Board, and Appraisal Practices Board;
- Vice President of the Appraisal Foundation; and
- Art Lindo, ASC Chair, Federal Reserve Bank

I appreciate the budget constraints that States are under right now. However, given the comprehensive and mandatory changes facing your State, I believe it is important that you consider sending at least one representative to the Conference. It is an investment that will reap future returns for your State appraiser regulatory program and the citizens of your State, in addition to being a valuable opportunity for you to have your State's views shared with federal officials and other State officials.

For further information, please contact Jenny Tidwell, Policy Manager at the ASC: Jenny@asc.gov or call 202-441-1538.

Sincerely, James R. Park Executive Director

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