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Mr. Ben Henson, Executive Director  
Appraisal Subcommittee  
2000 K Street, Suite 310  
Washington, DC 20006

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Dear Mr. Henson:

We are in receipt of your December 20, 2005 Field Review Letter concerning the Appraisal Subcommittee's review of the NYS Real Estate Appraisal regulatory program.

We recognize that the Appraisal Subcommittee's Policy Statement 10, mandates that appraiser complaint cases be resolved in a timely manner. Accordingly, the Division of Licensing Services Enforcement Unit has referred a number of appraiser cases to the Department's Office of Counsel. The Department of State experienced a brief delay awaiting the appointment of Administrative Law Judge Scott NeJame, however, these subjects have been afforded due process, and pursuant to Section 160-v, calendared by the Department's Office of Administrative Hearings. We anticipate an expeditious resolution.

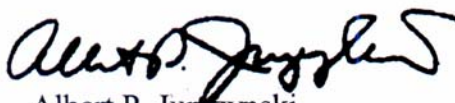
As a result of the September 2005 field review of our continuing education audit program, we have increased the number of monthly audits from 40 to 60 of appraisers recently renewing their certifications. In addition, per your recommendation, we published the names of the appraisers who failed to comply with the continuing education requirement in our Appraisal Newsletter (please see enclosed.) The publication of names appears to be a major deterrent for licensees. A subsequent newsletter is scheduled to be mailed in June 2006 in which the names of the appraisers who have failed to provide evidence of completion of the continuing education requirement, will again be disclosed. We are confident that our continuing effort to bring appraisers into compliance will have a positive outcome.

As specified in your Field Review correspondence, we will provide you with quarterly reports concerning the open cases and continuing education audits.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the appraisal log of all open and closed appraisal cases received from 2003 to present. (Please note that an electronic copy of the log was provided to Appraisal Policy Manager, Vicki Ledbetter.) In the future we hope to provide you with an electronic copy of open appraisal cases only.

Please feel free to contact my office if you have any further questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Albert P. Jurczynski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Albert" and last name "Jurczynski" clearly visible.

Albert P. Jurczynski  
Deputy Secretary of State for Business  
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