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

Dear Mr. Henson:

This letter is in response to your letter dated, November 13, 2006. Again, we appreciate Ms. Ledbetter's professionalism and assistance during her latest visit.

In reference to the status of the rules, enclosed is a copy of the draft rules. The draft rules will be presented to the board for discussion at their next regularly scheduled meeting on March 27, 2007.

In regards to adjudicating cases within one year of complaint receipt, we agree that there does not appear to be marked improvement in the overall system, but as you are aware the number of complaints received have doubled during this same time period. Therefore, we have made progress, but the results aren't as apparent due to the large increase in complaints. We continue to look for system improvements and are now in the process of requesting contractual assistance during the investigative process. In addition, we've requested additional funding and FTE's be provided in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 budget.

Sincerely,

Andrew L. Metcalf, Jr.
Director

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Enclosure