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Dear Director Kohler, Director Sharp, and Chair Lembeck,

Of recent, the Appraiser Qualifications Board (AQB), an entity of The Appraisal Foundation (TAF), announced their passing of new appraiser qualifications, training, and experience standards for residential and commercial appraisers nationwide.

The Appraisers Coalition of Washington (ACOW) has reviewed and discussed these changes in detail and the board of directors has voted to provide DOL with what, in our opinion, will most benefit appraisers of all levels and their professions across the state of Washington. These decisions were not made out of haste, but following a number of conversations with fellow boots on the ground appraisers and owners of appraisal companies.

It is our position that the State of Washington adopt the following education, training, and experience standards:

Education: ACOW is in concurrence with the standards as published in the AQB's fourth exposure draft which will become the publicized new standard.

Training and Experience: ACOW "is not" in concurrence with the AQB's training and experience standards and we propose the State of Washington adopt a firmer standard. To that, I provide the following:



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Licensed Appraiser - A minimum of 1 year as a trainee (apprentice) and 1,500 hours experience.

Certified Appraiser – A minimum of 2 years as a trainee (apprentice) and 2,500 hours experience.

General Certified - A minimum of 2.5 years as a trainee (apprentice) and 3,000 hours experience with at least 1,500 hours in non-residential appraising.

It is our opinion, and that of many of those we have discussed this with, that training and experience are key to maintaining a well-qualified appraiser base throughout the state. So we urge DOL and the Real Estate Appraiser Commission to give this proposal considerable merit when the time comes to make this important decision; a decision affecting all future appraisal candidates, mentors, and appraisal companies.

I am offering my personal assistance and that of the ACOW Board of Directors in this matter and would be happy to discuss how ACOW can be of further assistance. I can be reached at 206-280-0335. My email address is: Bob@bnappraisalsinc.com. I thank you for your time!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob", is written over a horizontal line.

President
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