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Veerkamp, Billie
From: Hoell, Sue
Sent: Friday, January 07, 2005 12:04 PM
To: Veerkamp, Billie
Subject: RE: Provisional Licensees - "no available mentors"

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From: Hoell, Sue
Sent: Wednesday, January 05, 2005 1:46 PM
To: Veerkamp, Billie
Subject: Provisional Licensees - "no available mentors"

Billie-

I have been seeking trainees for the past few years (not through MDT, but privately). All of those who have inquired, withdrew their interest when I showed them the costs involved in buying software, E&O insurance, license fees, course fees, digital camera, computer and printer, and other necessary supplies. Those who had, or thought they could borrow the funds to pay those costs, were discouraged when I showed them the textbooks they would need to read and the report formats they would need to produce.

I remain available as a Mentor for those sufficiently motivated to pay the costs, obtain the necessary education, and demonstrate the necessary logic and writing skills.

Sue Hoell

Veerkamp, Billie

From: Jerry Mitchke [jerrym@mt.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2005 3:26 PM
To: Veerkamp, Billie
Subject: Senate Bill 5

The easiest thing in the world is to get 2 people to tell you "No"!

So - would anyone want to be a trainee and learn something if they could just get a "Provisional license" and start appraising, or wiring houses, or whatever other licensed profession that might require experience?

The education is not hard and the testing is not hard but the experience is invaluable - and you don't gather much meaningful experience without an experienced teacher, mentor, sponsor, guide.

Appraisal education is designed to teach the theory of real estate appraisal based on the supposition that a trainee will use the theoretical knowledge gained to learn how to appraise working with a licensed professional appraiser.

This bill proposes to shortcut the appraisal licensing cycle, in effect saying that the classroom education is enough, just go ahead and appraise something. If you are going to approve a provisional license then the education and testing phases of the licensing requirement need to be significantly enhanced and toughened.

What problem does this provisional license bill try to solve? The problem that several would-be appraisers are not able to find a mentor to train under.

Why can't they find a mentor?

Probably because the demand for appraisal work to be done doesn't exceed the supply of appraisers available to do the work. When the demand exceeds the supply then licensed appraisers step up and do the training because they want to meet their clients' needs, and to reduce their workload.

But also, mentoring takes time and involves risk for the mentor.

What are the risks in this bill? That the State of Montana will have a less trained, less qualified, less experienced appraiser workforce that can't meet the changing needs of the profession, and that can't afford to invest the time nor the money required to stay updated.

Can everyone who wants to be a Real Estate Appraiser be a Real Estate Appraiser under the current laws? Probably not without some effort on their part to get the necessary experience. But I would believe that is true of every profession. It is just formalized for the Appraisal Profession.

Regards,

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Veerkamp, Billie

From: Dan McCloy [danmccloy@theglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2005 11:08 AM
To: Veerkamp, Billie
Subject: Bad Bill - Senate Bill 5

Dear Billie,

Keith O'Reilly just e-mailed me about Senate Bill 5. Please register my objection to this Bill as it makes no sense. Why should someone be granted a license just because no one will hire him/her as an apprentice. I intend to accept an apprentice soon and will follow all the rules for training one. I do not believe there is a shortage of mentors to train appraisers and feel the program apprentices serve will improve the quality of appraisal work in our State.

Sincerely,
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Veerkamp, Billie

From: Kraig P. Kosena, MAI [kosena@montana.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2005 11:05 AM
To: Veerkamp, Billie
Subject: SB 5

Billie

For the record, I am opposed to the above referenced Senate Bill as it would in effect permit someone with little or no experience to present themselves as a real estate appraiser with a provisional license awarded by the State of Montana.

If passed, this bill will nullify much of the professional credibility that we are continually striving for.

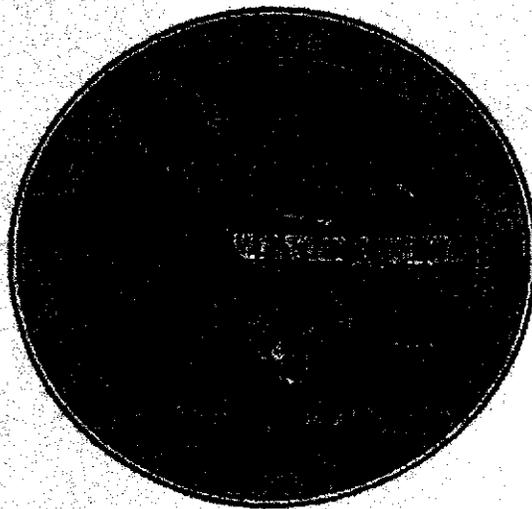
Thank you for your time and all that you do on behalf of appraisers in the State of Montana.

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