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Attn: Mr. Steven F. Schwoerer, President
215 Church Avenue
Oshkosh, WI 54901

Dear WAAO Officers:

Thank you for your letter regarding *the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practices (USPAP)*

As you are aware, requiring Wisconsin assessors to comply with USPAP was a result of recommendations from assessors, municipal officials, and property owners who requested increased standards to enhance the professionalism of assessors.

The standards expected of assessors prescribed in the *Wisconsin Property Assessment Manual (WPAM)* are designed to ensure equity and fairness and protect Wisconsin property owners.

In response to concerns raised by some assessors regarding USPAP, DOR will modify the year assessors are required to comply with USPAP from 2012 to 2013. The delay will allow additional time for collaboration and training to build a better implementation of basic standards for all assessors.

As you know, DOR conducted USPAP training sessions at the 2010 League of Municipalities Assessors Institute, the 2010 Towns Association Convention, and the 2010 DOR Assessor Schools. DOR will continue to offer USPAP training for assessors and municipal officials throughout 2011 and 2012. In addition to the training, DOR will make the USPAP report template available to all assessors. Those who volunteer to implement in 2012 may do so. We welcome continued feedback during this period.

Thank you for taking the time to express your concerns. We look forward to working together to ensure that we establish standards that enhance the professionalism of Wisconsin's Assessors while ensuring the efficiency and effectiveness of the practice.

Sincerely,

Richard G. Chandler
Secretary of Revenue