Little Hoover Commission

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Dear Commissioners:

My organization of which I am a member, The Appraisal Institute, has not taken an official position on the Governor's reorganization plan at the time of this letter. However, I have taken an informal polling of many members and there has been no opposition voiced. Following points pertain directly to the Governor's reorganization plan;

- The advantages of the proposed plan are in part, increased protection and awareness for the public and greater consistency of support services. The Department of Consumer Affairs clearly has more of a vested interest in the success and effectiveness in the Bureau of Real Estate Appraisers licensing and enforcement programs. Positioning the new Bureau of Real Estate Appraisers under the Department of Consumer Affairs will provide a positive firewall that will best serve the public and maintain the integrity of the required functions within Bureau of Real Estate Appraisers.
- The risk would be doing nothing at all to improve the Office of Real Estate Appraisers. The mission, vision and values statements for the Department of Consumer Affairs enhance and segment the programs and operations of the new Bureau of Real Estate Appraisers.
- The reorganization plan will position the new Bureau of Real Estate Appraisers to operate with an enhanced focus that will proactively insure the appraisal profession is clear of its responsibilities and expectations whereby providing a higher level of service to the public.

In summary, the creation of the new Bureau of Real Estate Appraisers within the Department of Consumer Affairs would be a positive step that would strengthen the new Bureau of Real Estate Appraisers and would provide a proactive voice to better serve the public and the appraisal profession. The new Bureau of Real Estate Appraisers is small compared to other state agencies, but the impact on the states economy is substantial and of great importance to all Californians.

I would like to commend the Governor for the reorganization plan. This plan is the best that has been proposed and will benefit the state and the public.

Sincerely,

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