

January 3, 2023

The Honorable Scott Louser North Dakota House of Representatives Chair, Industry, Business and Labor Committee

RE: HB 1106

Dear Chairman Louser and Industry, Business and Labor Committee members:

The North Dakota Appraisers Association was established in 2016 and represents 150 Appraiser Members. Our goal is to build productive relationships with individuals, associations, and organizations within the real estate industry to promote positive impacts on the appraisal profession in North Dakota.

NDAA has reviewed and supports the North Dakota Real Estate Appraiser Qualifications and Ethics Board recommendation of changes to the Century Code in HB 1106.

NDAA agrees that review appraisers whether independent or an employee of an Appraisal Management Company (AMC's) should be licensed in the State of North Dakota to perform appraisal reviews on North Dakota real estate. Geographical competency is a requirement for Appraisers, it should also be a requirement for those performing appraisal reviews.

This change adds further protection for financial institutions, real estate professionals and the people of North Dakota. We politely request the ND Legislature support this change.

Respectfully submitted,

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