

Date: February 16, 2010

Re: RB # 13: AN ACT CONCERNING REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL
MANAGEMENT COMPANIES, Testimony for the public hearing on 2/16/2010

Dear Senator Crisco, Representative Fontana and members of the Committee on Insurance and Real Estate,

My name is Tony Homicki and as the Assessor of the Town of Darien and also Co Chair of the Legislative Committee of the Connecticut Association of Assessing Officers. I am here today to offer what I believe you will regard as a friendly amendment to Raised Bill #13.

As municipal officials, my colleagues and I are often required to assign a variety of appraisals. These appraisals assist us in our determination of value, as well as in our defense of values in court. The Connecticut Association of Assessing Officers requests that you consider adding a sentence to the bill that would exempt Assessors, along with revaluation companies that are certified by the Office of Policy and Management from its provisions. This would eliminate potential duress that might be raised while we are performing our duties at the local level. You might also want to consider extending the exemption to all federal, state and local agencies or departments.

I thank you for your time and efforts in regard to this issue.

Respectfully,

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