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Ashanti: I wanted to write to you because Steve Miner and I are both members of a professional organization - the International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) - and have worked together on an important task force charged with the responsibility of rewriting a major IAAO Standard on Property Tax Policy. The final version of this standard is before the IAAO Board of Directors now and represents real progress that our task force believes will greatly enhance understanding of basic property tax principles and encourage professionalism in all aspects of assessment administration as well as suggesting effective policy pathways to policy makers. Steve's participation was extremely helpful throughout this process. While I work for an oversight agency, and some of our task force members are independent contractors or, in one case, affiliated with a major property tax think tank (the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy), Steve was able to effectively represent local assessors, who are so important nationally in their role as the primary assessing officers for most property. Steve's contributions on resources and roles of assessors - particularly as they embodied what I consider to be the highest professional ideals - were well thought out and significant. He also presented the direction provided in sections he was most responsible for in two national forums. I want you to know how much I appreciated the opportunity to work with Steve in this capacity and to listen as he helped us to better address assessment and policy practices that we think lead to better and more equitable property tax systems.

I hope to have the opportunity to work with Steve again in the future.

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