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Mr. Hamilton

I am a field representative of Vanguard Appraisals, Inc. I provide technical, as well as assessment assistance to County and City Assessors in North Dakota and South Dakota. I am a certified assessor/appraiser in South Dakota, a Class 1 Assessor in North Dakota and Designated Assessment Administration Specialist through the International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO). I also sit currently as the Treasurer for the North Central Regional Association of Assessing Officers (NCRAAO). Previous to my employment with Vanguard Appraisals, I was the Director of Equalization for Perkins County, South Dakota for 15 years.

I have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Miner numerous times over many years as a member of the NCRAAO Board. I recently read the news that the Milwaukee Common Council has put on hold the decision on whether to retain Mr. Miner as the cities Assessment Commissioner, and found that truly confusing. In working with Mr. Miner over the last 10 years on an Assessment Board, I found that he is indeed very knowledgeable in the Assessment Field, and his integrity far surpasses most.

The job of Assessment Commissioner requires the assessment office to value all property at market value, while keeping equity amongst property types. In performing these tasks, especially in these increasing markets, the Assessment Commissioner does not win any popularity contests. During COVID-19, we thought the market for residential properties would plummet, everything that we have witnessed, and learned from other Assessment Professionals all over the United States is that they have in fact, not done that. They have actually done the opposite in the residential market.

Mr. Miner is a good person, with a strong work ethic. He would, in fact do everything he can to make sure that the City of Milwaukee is fairly and equitably assessed going forward with a re-appointment. I ask the Council to please consider a reappointment with Mr. Miner.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Stay Happy and Healthy!

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