

January 10, 2020

The Honorable Delores G. Kelley

3 East Miller Senate Office Building

11 Bladen Street

Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Senator Kelley:

As chairman of the Maryland Commission of Real Estate Appraisers, Appraisal Management Companies and Home Inspectors, I am writing in support of Senate Bill 117 Real Estate Appraisers and Real Estate Appraiser Trainees - Licenses and Certificates - Experience, Renewal, and Reinstatement Requirements.

The legislation makes changes related to the experience, renewal, and reinstatement requirements for real estate appraisers. It removes the number of experience hours from statute and allows the commission to set the number of hours by regulation. This will allow the commission to be responsive to changes made by the Appraisal Foundation that regulates the program, as well as to the needs of the industry.

It also extends the reinstatement period for appraisers and specifies what the commission's role is when an appraiser applies for reinstatement beyond the proposed three year time period. The commission feels that two years is too short of a time period and is comfortable extending the reinstatement period by one year which also equals the existing three year renewal cycle.

Lastly, the bill allows appraiser trainees to renew an unlimited amount of times. The commission feels the current law is too restrictive and forces people out of the profession unnecessarily.

The Commission of Real Estate Appraisers, Appraisal Management Companies and Home Inspectors encourages the committee to support SB 117.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anatol J. Polillo".

Anatol Polillo

Chairman