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Fellow Member:

As you know, the Appraisal Institute and the National Association of Realtors (NAR) have held ongoing discussions over the last year regarding the Appraisal Institute's possible affiliation with NAR. At the direction of the Board of Directors, an Appraisal Institute project team met many times with a project team from NAR to discuss the issues involved with affiliation, to identify the potential terms and conditions, and to determine the potential advantages and disadvantages. Also at the direction of the Board, members of the Appraisal Institute's Executive Committee engaged in discussion and negotiation with NAR leadership.

Yesterday, the Board of Directors – which currently is meeting in San Antonio, Texas – considered the proposed terms and conditions of affiliation with NAR that resulted from these discussions and negotiations. Following its deliberations, the Board determined that based on all the information presented, it is in the best interest of the Appraisal Institute for the Appraisal Institute and NAR to remain as separate, unaffiliated organizations. This position was made official when the Board voted not to pursue affiliation with NAR any further at this time. The vote was conveyed to NAR last evening.

The Appraisal Institute officers and Board of Directors extend their thanks and gratitude to NAR's leadership for reaching out to the Appraisal Institute to explore affiliation, as well as for their hard work during this process. In particular, I would like to thank NAR President Dick Gaylord for his personal time, energy and dedication to this initiative. We wish NAR well and will look forward to cooperating on issues of common interest in the future.

Next week, we will provide you with more detail on this matter and we will address your questions, comments and thoughts. Thank you for your input and support throughout this process.

Sincerely,

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President