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By US Mail and Fax
Mr. David G. Jones, Treasurer
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Dear Mr. Jones:

I have been following the Board's recent proposed rule to standardize home inspection reports. I recognize that some members believe that standardization is desirable. However, I am greatly troubled by the particular proposal that would limit inspectors from including safety recommendations in the summary section of the report.

I understand that proponents of the proposed rule believe that this change is one of format, and will not qualitatively affect the information received by the home buyer. However, many home inspectors believe that if finalized, the rule will limit the amount and content of their communications with home buyers on genuine safety issues. I concur with their assessment.

I strongly urge members of the board to remove this proposed change from the agenda, until such time as a broad consensus can be reached among North Carolina home inspectors. As long as reasonable people believe that the change could result in consumers having less information about safety issues important for themselves and their families, we should take no chances and must err on the side of safety. I have no doubt that the board can find a way to format home inspection reports that will win the wholehearted support of the inspectors whose job it is to identify safety concerns.

Thank you for your consideration in this important matter.

With kindest regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

Michael F. Easley

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