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The Pennsylvania Home Inspectors Coalition

❖ President's Message

Fellow Pennsylvania Inspectors,

The long, and somewhat slow, winter is almost over. Here in Pennsylvania we have fared much better than other areas of the country. Reports of business being off more than 50% were common at this year's NCHIA meeting. We may not have the red hot markets other areas had, but it is comforting to know we do not crash like they do either. Spring is just around the corner and with it will come the busy market season.

Spring will also be a busy season for activity concerning the licensing amendment. Several meetings at the end of last year produced a copy that is being sent back to the Sponsor for approval and finishing touches. A final draft should be in place by mid month. There is still a lot of work ahead. Monitoring and response time will be critical in the upcoming months as SB539 makes its way through House & Senate committees, Appropriations and three Senate presentations among other working areas before making it to Governor Rendell's desk.

Your participation in a grass roots effort will be needed to help push our amendment along its way with as little interference as possible. There are several other interested parties outside of the home inspection profession that will try to influence / change the amendment or have members of other trades / professions grandfathered or exempted from the law. The PHIC will provide links to your senators and a sample letter to use. Your participation at this point will be of utmost importance.

Many thanks to the inspectors who have been annual supporters of the efforts of the PHIC and welcome to those who joined the effort since the last newsletter. However more support is needed. The Pennsylvania Chapters of ASHI and NAHI have been funding this effort through their local dues collections and their reserve bank accounts. But after seven years, the Chapter Reserve funds are depleted. Currently all inspectors involved with a chapter contribute \$100 per year to the efforts of the PHIC. ALL contributed money is used for administrative purposes only, lobbyist, legal and insurance fees. NO volunteer reimbursements have EVER been submitted for travel, food, phone calls, mailings, time or anything else. But we may not be able to meet our financial obligations at this most critical of times.

I am asking the inspectors in the state, that are not contributing through their chapter, or independent membership, to please join in the effort to create meaningful and enforceable

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