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Eric Thorn, Chief Staff Executive Examination Board of Professional Home Inspectors (EBPHI) 325 John Knox Road, Suite L 103 Tallahassee, FL 32303

RE: Home Inspectors Examination

Dear Mr. Thorn:

The Department has received your correspondence to Interim Secretary Matilde Miller detailing your concerns regarding examinations for the Home Inspectors Licensing program, as well as your proposed rule change that would impose additional standards for home inspector examinations. As the attorney assigned to the Home Inspectors Licensing program, I am responding to your concerns.

As you may be aware, your organization alleged last year that two other home inspector exam providers in Florida failed to comply with Florida Statutes and rules. The Department investigated EBPHI's allegations, and determined the two providers were in compliance with Florida Statutes and rules governing home inspector examinations.

As it relates to EBPHI's proposed rule change, the Department believes the rule is unnecessary, and may place additional costs and burdens on applicants and vendors. If you still wish to meet with the Department, the Executive Director, legislative affairs staff, and I are more than happy to meet with you.

I hope the above information is helpful. Please let me know if you have any further questions. Sincerely,

Daniel Brackett Assistant General Counsel