February 23, 2017

Oregon House Committee on Business and Labor **RE: H.B. 2189** - 79th Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2017 Regular Session

Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee:

My name is Carl Stillman, Stillman & Associates, Inc. in Salem, OR. I am in favor of House Bill 2189.

This bill brings Oregon statute in line with the Record Keeping Rule of the 2016/2017 Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) – see Page 11 (line 308). The Rule states that an appraiser must retain the workfile for "…a period of at least five years after preparation or at least two years after final disposition of any judicial proceeding in which the appraiser provided testimony related to the assignment, whichever period expires last."

Current law has no time limit on appraiser liability and is a disincentive to obtaining an appraisal license or certificate.

Providing a 5-year limit will align Oregon law with the USPAP record keeping rule.

Sincerely,

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