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This is a letter providing my full support of an extension on the waiver granting temporary relief from appraisal credentialing requirements for a real estate transaction. It is important that the waiver extension request be granted because the significant positive impact it has had on our rural communities, especially the Tribal communities that we share territory with here in North Dakota. With the understanding that in some parts of our largely rural state it can take upwards of three months for these types of assessments to be completed, that wait can be even longer for Tribal citizens who do not have access to financial institutions in their respective Tribal communities. As a result, many Tribal citizens travel off reservation homelands to access these services. In doing so they bring with them consumer dollars that are no longer spent within their boundaries thus providing profits for businesses that are not part of their community. But they continue to do so because these transactions must take place so that they can support their families and fulfill goals they have for themselves. All the while knowing a decision on their request will likely take several months.

I ask that the extension on the waiver granting temporary relief from appraisal credentialing for real estate transactions be granted so that Tribal citizens as well as the many rural community members we share this great state with can benefit from these services and receive an answer in a timely manner.

Sincerely,



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