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Dear Members of the Board of Registration of Home Inspectors:

I apologize for the late submission of this question but I was unaware of the June 10th meeting until until today. I am still going through the process of regaining my home inspector's license after a 5 year hiatus, and was not notified of the meeting.

At the board's direction, I have earned 24 CE credits to meet their demands for current knowledge of changes and innovations in this profession, and will over the course of the next year earn an additional 6 credits in professional ethics and regulations. To meet the constraints put upon me by the board in a timely manner in order to return to work left me no alternative but to travel to Philadelphia, PA to attend the ASHI conference in January, where I was able take a number of CE courses earning 20 total credits at the conference. Had I not traveled to Philadelphia, paid for an ASHI membership, my classes, 3 nights in a hotel, meals and considerable travel expenses I would still be unable to return to my profession because there was no other viable alternative manner to earn 24 credits in a realistic time frame.

In the spirit of **Governor Baker's** intent of **executive order #562** to simplify, and deregulate cumbersome processes hindering businesses from growth and development and to make Massachusetts more competitive with other states, I would ask that the board consider the following two questions:

- 1. Will the Board of Registration of Home Inspectors accept online continuing education courses to meet the Massachusetts requirements if they are from an approved source such as the ASHI school as has already been adapted by other states such as New Hampshire in the future?**
- 2. Will the Board of Registration change the licensing periods to a 2 year period from the date on which the license is issued, and stop the current practice of license periods dating from the end of June on even numbered years?**

This practice has had the unfair disadvantage of inspectors who are issued a license on an odd numbered year paying the full fee of a 2 year license while only receiving one year of license privileges. This could be made more fair if a license was good for 2 years from the month it was issued. This is an example of the type of non competitive and disadvantaging practices that governor Baker is seeking to eliminate.

If I had been able to attend online courses, watch and participate in video classroom presentations and conferencing, I could have saved considerable time and expense in my effort to return to work. If I was a resident in a state that accepted online CE courses I would have already been back to work. Our present Massachusetts requirements are not competitive with the neighboring state of New Hampshire which does allow online CE courses.

It is my sincere hope that Massachusetts will lead the way in early adoption of innovative practices and not fall behind with outdated regulations and non competitive and unfair licensing periods. I thank you for your consideration of the submitted 2 questions.

Sincerely,

James R Morrison

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