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~THIS LETTER CONTAINS CORRECTED DATES~

July 14, 2021

RE: Temporary Waiver or Reduction of Certain Assessments and Fees Under the Consumer Loan Act

Dear Licensee:

As you may know, the Department of Financial Institutions is self-supported. Fees you pay fund all of the agency's activities. We do not receive any funding from the state General Fund, or other tax revenue. The same is true in the Division of Consumer Services, the division of the agency regulating you, companies licensed under the Consumer Loan Act, chapter 31.04 RCW. We carefully manage the fees you pay.

I am pleased to inform you that after careful analysis of our budget, and taking into consideration the pandemic crisis, we will continue to temporarily waive portions of some fees and temporarily waive other fees in their entirety. The Department has authority to waive fees under WAC 208-620-650. The fee waivers/reductions are for activities conducted during 2021, unless otherwise indicated, and will be in the following areas:

- **Examination Hourly Fees:** Hourly fees charged on consumer loan company examinations are temporarily waived for the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. Please note that you must still pay travel expenses in connection with examinations, if any.
- **Annual Assessments on Residential Mortgage Loans:** The assessment on the following categories of loans will be temporarily waived for the calendar year 2021 activity: Residential mortgage loans in portfolio on December 31, 2021; and residential mortgage loans brokered and purchased during the 2021 calendar year. The residential mortgage loans you made will be assessed, with the assessment capped at \$200,000. As a reminder, the assessment due date for activities conducted during calendar year 2021 is March 1, 2022.
- **Mortgage Loan Originator Renewal Fees:** Mortgage Loan Originator Renewal Fees for the 2022 calendar year will be reduced from \$155 to \$75. This is a temporary waiver of \$80 per MLO renewal for the calendar year 2022. As a reminder, our renewal process for calendar year 2022 opens November 1, 2021.

Again, these fee waivers are temporary, but we will continue to evaluate the possibility of additional fee waivers going forward.