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Gentlemen,

On reviewing my last email to you it occurred to me my motives may not have been made clear enough for some of what I asked for from the Task Force. Let me start by saying that nothing this Task Force can do will help my wife Adele and I, we will never recover emotionally or financially from what was done to us by our builder, the Lane County Building Department, and the state agencies charged with protecting us.

My motive is to try to ensure that what was done to us will not be allowed to be done to others in the future. I have asked you to look into what happened to us and the Haynes closely as a means to learn where some of the real problems originate from so that you can make recommendations to help better protect the public.

It is no secret that some contractors do very shoddy work; our home is a very good example of that. I am trying to bring to your attention why they are able to do this poor work and get away with it. One of the big factors in this is that the building inspectors are not inspecting as they should be, and in some cases not at all. I know from my own experience that the inspector never looked at the approved plan set until he went to get them to sign off on whatever inspection was being done. The entire framing inspection on our complex 3000 plus square foot home took mere minutes.

Why are the building inspectors able to get away with providing such poor service? Because they are not held accountable. The BCD, the state agency that granted them the authority to inspect homes, refuses to provide any oversight or deal with any sub standard building programs that they are made aware of. They turn their heads, and inspectors ignore defects.

I can appreciate that career managers of these organizations might be more concerned about maintaining the status quo, not upsetting the powerful building industry, and making it easy on themselves by allowing the jurisdictions operating under their authority to do whatever they want. However this is not in the public interest.

Regards,

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