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Division of Real Estate
& Professional Licensing

Mike DeWine, Governor
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Sheryl Maxfield, Director

December 14, 2022

[redacted]
Canal Winchester, OH 43110

Re: Advertisement

Mr. [redacted]

The Ohio Division of Real Estate & Professional Licensing (Division) is responsible for protecting the public interest through the licensing and regulation of home inspectors pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapter 4764 and Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 1301:17. The Division was sent an advertisement for [redacted] in which it was claimed [redacted] was conducting code inspections for residential properties (see enclosure).

Per OAC 1301:17-1-16(A)(8), the Canons of Ethics rule for Ohio licensed home inspectors (licensees) prohibits licensees from representing "a determination of compliance with Ohio residential, mechanical, plumbing, or electrical codes, specifically the existence of serious hazards as defined in rule 4101:8-2-01 of the Administrative Code." Likewise, your advertisement may also be inconsistent with other OAC rules & laws enforced by other Ohio state agencies and boards (i.e., ORC Section 3783.99 - ORC 3783.99). Please review and adjust the enclosed advertisement to ensure the advertisement does not give the false impression that [redacted] is performing code inspections for residential properties unless properly credentialed by the appropriate state agency.

Please note, failing to comply with this advice could result in a future investigation by the Division or action taken by another state agency or board besides the Ohio Home Inspector Board or the Division. If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact Division Counsel Kim Wells at (614) 466-4100.

Sincerely,

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