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I am writing to the members of ASHI as the 2022 President of The American Society of Home Inspectors. (ASHI)

ASHI began in 1976 and is, we believe, the oldest and most respected non-profit association of professional home inspectors in the United States. ASHI developed the first set of Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics for its membership in the United States.

The Standards of Practice are intended to help protect home buying consumers from the risks of buying a house and not being fully informed of its physical condition. Incidentally, the FHA, among other authorities, is in full support of such full and complete inspections and states: "For Your Protection: Get a Home Inspection". Please see attached.

We believe that the economic circumstances in the real estate market do not excuse the full and complete performance of the required home inspection. We further believe that consumers should not be forced or pressured into compromising their economic and safety interests (including those of their minor children) because of current real estate market conditions; and that a seller's market should not excuse a home buyer's protection. Inspectors are expected to follow the ASHI Standards of Practice and, of course, any required state standards and other pertinent requirements where they practice their profession. That means a full inspection, an applicable signed inspection agreement, and written reports issued to the client.

Also, please note that many, if not all, Errors and Omissions insurance carriers require applicable signed agreements prior to the start of an inspection with written reports issued to the client.

I urge all home inspectors to help protect the home buying public by complying with the ASHI Standards of Practice, their state statute, and all other applicable regulations.

Sincerely

John Wessling

2022 President, American Society of Home Inspectors.