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Re: Your letter of September 15, 2016

Dear Mr. Wray:

This office has received and reviewed your letter of September 15, 2016 in which you request that this office issue correspondence to the assessors of the towns affected by crumbling foundations. Certainly the methodology proposed in your letter appears to be one viable approach.

As you know, the Connecticut General Statutes grant local assessors broad authority to establish values for property tax purposes. At the same time these statutes do not grant the Office of Policy and Management authority over assessment methodology, nor do they grant OPM any oversight over assessment decisions made by local assessors.

That said, OPM recognizes the value of using uniform, accepted methodologies for valuing these properties. I encourage local assessors, their legal counsels, regional groups such as CRCOG, and the Connecticut Association of Assessing Officers to facilitate and engage in communication regarding best practices for determining value in these unfortunate cases.

We thank you for your thoughtful approach to this difficult issue many Connecticut homeowners now face.

Very truly yours,

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