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It is unfortunate that so many appraisers are being hurt by what was supposed to be a good thing. In fact, lender pressures have for the most part been alleviated, however, there are now other kinds of pressure being placed on appraisers. This includes fast turn around times and reduced fees. Due to all the checks and double checks being required of appraisers in their daily routines, added documentation to all appraisals, and continuous demands for more, the average appraisal is taking longer to complete competently and correctly. But unfortunately, the demands for 1 and 2 day turn around times, is putting undue pressure on the good appraisers, which has caused them to turn down the work since they can't do it in the required time frame and/or for the reduced fees since most fees from AMC's are now lower than what appraisers were getting 10+ years ago. Appraisers should be paid based on their experience, license level, knowledge, etc. If the average appraisal, being done correctly and competently, takes 8 hours start to finish, how can any appraiser make a living doing 1 appraisal a day at \$30.00 to 37.50 per hour gross. Since being an appraiser today requires many levels of education, and college degrees, 2 years of apprenticeship before they can even sit for their license, continuing education, computer technology, it is difficult to know we are only worth \$20-25 per hour net. I have more than 25 years experience as an appraiser, and I always thought I would be worth more per hour since I take pride in my work and my profession and I have worked very hard to establish myself as a good appraiser. What is happening today is actually demeaning the appraisal profession and we work too hard for this to happen. Please help the appraiser be the professional we strive to be.