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State of Connecticut
Real Estate Commission
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**In Re: Application of Jonathan Googel for
Real Estate Salesperson's License
Hearing Date: August 4, 2004**

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Dear Commission members:

I have been requested by Jonathan Googel to submit a letter on his behalf in support of his application for a Real Estate Salesperson's license.

By way of background, I was lead counsel in the Connecticut State Court class actions against Mr. Googel and others to recover damages suffered by over 7,500 investors who were defrauded in the Colonial Realty fiasco. As a result of my involvement in that matter for over a period of over five years, I got to know Mr. Googel quite well. As a result of that experience, I can relate that, despite his direct involvement in the original Colonial fraud, he cooperated fully, completely, and in detail with the plaintiffs' team. He even volunteered information that went beyond my requests. All of the information uncovered because of his cooperation in this process turned out to be supported by subsequent evidence that we discovered principally because of the assistance he offered to the plaintiffs' team.

During my involvement with him, he always appeared to have been contrite, and to have been humbled by the combination of the knowledge of the losses suffered by the innocent investors, by his own lost status in life, by his time in prison, and by his probation (which I understand he has fully successfully completed). I believe that those who have been incarcerated and served their time for societal wrongs should be given a chance to show that they have been rehabilitated. To my knowledge, since release from his incarceration about four years ago, his conduct has been exemplary, without any sign of anything other than complete rehabilitation.

In light of the above, Mr. Googel should be given a second chance to carry on his life by obtaining a Real Estate Sales license.

If any of the Board members needs further information from me, I can be reached at 203-336-4421.

Very truly yours,

Richard A. Bieder

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