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Association Presidents, Federation Board members and all Building Officials, I would like to sincerely thank you all for your assistance and support for the Federation's effort to thwart the illegal hiring of a corporation to replace a Building Official.

For those of you not present the BBRS acted in full agreement with our position that the Town of Douglas had violated MGL 143 section 3 and 780 CMR section 110.R7. By a unanimous vote, the BBRS will inform Douglas the hiring of a corporate entity does not meet the requirements of law and code. In summary, the town must appoint a Building Commissioner and submit an "employee report form" by Jan. 1 2019. If there is not a Building Commissioner in place the on Jan.1 the Commissioner of OPS&I will be asked to assign a state inspector to the Town of Douglas and bill the town for costs.

The Federation's appeal to the BBRS on this matter has come down IN FAVOR of Building Officials statewide.

I hope you get this GOOD NEWS and a sincere THANK YOU to your membership as quickly as possible.

Robert C. Borden, President
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