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TO COUNTY ASSESSORS:

SPECIAL TOPIC SURVEY ON CONFIDENTIALITY OF
COUNTY ASSESSORS' RECORDS

The enclosed publication is a special topic survey regarding the confidentiality of county assessors' records. The questionnaires for this statewide report were sent to all county assessors. The assessors of 57 counties returned completed questionnaires.

The report focuses on problems encountered by county assessors in defining what data and records are confidential, and in complying with statutory and judicial requirements of confidentiality. The report attempts to clarify which governmental agencies have access to confidential data and under what conditions, and to identify the specific provisions of law that govern disclosure. This report also summarizes data regarding how statutory limits on disclosure affect the operation of a county assessor's office.

The Board believes you will find this survey report informative and useful. Your participation and assistance in gathering the data used in this report are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Verne Walton".

Verne Walton, Chief
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