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To: Senate Committee on Business and Transportation

For over five years, the City of Dallas and the State Building Codes Division have worked together to implement a system of electronic building permit services. As a participant during the development of the "e-permitting system" I was able to assure the end product would meet our needs and the needs of our customers. I am pleased to report that as of January 1, 2015, we are using the system for every building permit we issue.

The system is a powerful asset that without the State Building Codes Division support it is unlikely the City of Dallas would be able to afford a similar system. With this program the City of Dallas is able to provide electronic tracking and on-line services to our customers. Maintaining this program and implementing upgrades and further improvements ensures that building departments of modest size and resources can offer on-line services in a uniform approved manner. This is a program that works, and I hope you will continue this effort.

Thank you for your consideration.

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