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To: Senate Committee on Business and Transportation

Several years ago via Senate Bill 133, the State Building Codes Division approached local government and contractors with a plan to implement a system of electronic building permit services. The permitting system is used by many cities and counties across Oregon. As users and supporters of this unique state and local government partnership, we strongly encourage the legislature to continue this program.

The City of Astoria is currently in the process of implementing this valuable tool to provide increased efficiency and better customer service for our community. The local home builders have expressed overwhelming support and approval of the implementation of the e-permitting program.

With this program, jurisdictions are able to provide for electronic tracking and accounting of our building inspection programs and provide services on-line to our customers. We all benefit from the use of a tried and true vendor through the State's program and spend our scarce IT resources on other needs within the City. This is an example of a program that works and we want to continue this effort.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

THE CITY OF ASTORIA

Arline LaMear
Mayor