

# Building Owners and Managers Association of Pittsburgh, Inc.

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The Honorable Bill Peduto  
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**Re: BBI/Department of Permits, Licenses and Inspections**

Dear Mayor Peduto:

The Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) represents the owners and managers of all commercial property types including nearly 10 billion square feet of U.S. office space. Members from the Pittsburgh Chapter manage 21 million square feet of space in the city including most every major office property in Pittsburgh's central business district.

BOMA members are encouraged that the Bureau of Building Inspection has embraced new technology and adopted new procedures that result in a more efficient, timely, and effective operation. The membership is supportive of the proposal to elevate the bureau and make it a department accountable to the mayor. The new Department of Permits, Licenses and Inspections would be a natural next step in the process of modernizing the bureau while expediting the permitting process and recognizing its critical function. This change would highlight the value of this agency for its role in encouraging the growth of the city but also its importance as it relates to the safety for those who live and work here.

Therefore, BOMA Pittsburgh encourages your support of this proposal. Further, BOMA is a primary source of information on commercial real estate development, leasing, operating costs, energy consumption and codes. Please do not hesitate to call on us if we can be of assistance in these areas.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in this important matter.

Sincerely,

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BOMA Pittsburgh  
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