

Committee on Housing & Buildings

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The Public Advocate for the City of New York

Improving Access to City Services

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June 12, 2008

Council Member Erik Martin Dilan
250 Broadway, 18th Floor
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Dear Council Member Dilan:

I am pleased that, as Chair of the Housing and Buildings Committee, you are holding a hearing on Intro. 754 today. It has become clear over the last several months that more needs to be done to ensure that construction accidents and fatalities result in appropriate disciplinary action by the Department of Buildings.

Intro. 754 will go a long way towards this goal by making the steps that the DOB takes when faced with a construction accident transparent to the public and their elected representatives. I would like to recommend two amendments that I believe will improve the bill. First, as part of the bill's reporting requirements, the DOB should be required to report whether violations issued in relation to each construction incident resulted in professional censure of any kind. Second, I would like to request that the bill require the DOB to send the report not just to the City Council but to the Office of the Public Advocate, as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Betsy Gotbaum".

Betsy Gotbaum

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