



February 22, 2017

The Honorable Peter V. Kocot, House Chairman  
The Honorable Walter F. Timilty, Senate Chairman  
Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight  
State House, Room 22  
Boston, MA 02133

**Re: NAIOP Supports H.68, *An Act to Reorganize the Department of Public Safety***

Dear Chairman Kocot, Chairman Timilty, and Members of the Committee:

NAIOP Massachusetts, The Commercial Real Estate Development Association, would like to express its support for H. 68, *An Act to Reorganize the Department of Public Safety*. We believe the legislation is an important first step in streamlining the current permitting and inspection process.

The proposed legislation would create a new Office of Public Safety and Inspections within the Division of Professional Licensure (DPL). By reorganizing and consolidating licensing functions currently spread between several departments, the legislation would eliminate redundancies, reduce costs, and create an effective process for the administration of the boards.

The current structure of 12 separate boards overseeing 14 construction codes under four secretariats is far from efficient and had led to years of confusion for design and construction professionals. The DPL already oversees the licensing of other trades and consolidating all trade boards under an agency with significant experience in licensing will allow for a more uniform and consistent process.

**For these reasons, we urge the Committee to report this bill out favorably.**

NAIOP Massachusetts represents the interests of companies involved with the development, ownership, management, and financing of commercial properties. NAIOP's 1,700 members are involved with more than 240 million square feet of office, research & development, industrial, mixed use, retail and institutional space. Please contact me if you have any questions or if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

NAIOP Massachusetts, The Commercial Real Estate Development Association

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tamara C. Small".

Tamara C. Small  
Senior Vice President of Government Affairs