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BY E-MAIL

Councilmember Tim Burgess
Chair, Government Performance and Finance Committee
City Hall
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Councilmember Burgess:

At its February 6, 2013 meeting, the Commission unanimously endorsed draft legislation amending the City's Whistleblower Protection Code. The Commission's vote to refer this matter to the City Council follows a lengthy, careful review of how best to make Seattle's Whistleblower Protection Code achieve its two primary goals: (1) encouraging employees to speak up when they learn of improper governmental actions, and (2) enhancing the remedies for employees who are retaliated against for bringing their concerns to light.

The Commission believes that these proposed changes will make Seattle's Whistleblower Protection Code a model for the nation. I look forward to answering any questions that you and your colleagues have about the bill.

Very truly yours,

Wayne Barnett
Executive Director

Enclosures

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