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To: Senate Commerce Committee

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Re: HB 2254

Neutral Comments on the Bill

Thank you for allowing me to appear and comment on House Bill 2254 during the hearing held March 9, 2014, even though I was not signed up and did not have written testimony.

As stated at the hearing, the League did not plan to speak at the hearing. The League saw HB 2254 as a bill addressing and clarifying what some felt was an omission in the original law adopted to require the registration of roofing contractors. Because we did not anticipate any questions arising that impacted cities we did not sign up to testify.

However, the testimony presented by one or more of the conferees that indicated that, perhaps, some confusion existed with a very small number of our member cities did peak our interest. This was the first that we were aware of the situation and of the possible confusion in the application of the law.

The League is not a "policing agency" of our member cities. But, we do work with them to assure a uniform approach to application of the law. We will be happy to work with all cities to clear up any misunderstanding on this matter.

Again, thank you for allowing me to comment on HB 2254.