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Dear Kootenai County Commissioners,

March 5, 2018

Thank you for considering modifications to the County Building Permit Process!

I am a 21 year resident of Kootenai County.

I have been a professional home builder since 1982.

I have also been a licensed real estate agent.

I love the construction industry and building in Idaho. This is one of the reasons that I moved from California as a licensed General Contractor to Kootenai County.

I regret that I will be on vacation to Thailand on March 19, the date of your public hearing, so I am writing to you with a few of my thoughts on the subject.

The Building Permit process has gradually become burdensome and expensive.

Codes are constantly becoming more stringent and burdensome. When will it end?

I as a builder attempt to build with a high level of safety and quality, regardless of what level of inspection is done.

We have in place excellent Idaho state inspection of electrical and plumbing systems in structures.

The fire department inspects smoke alarms and property addressing and access.

Panhandle health inspects and permits waste disposal systems.

The location permit requirement in Bonner County has been successful for many years.

I vote to put more freedom and control in the life of the individual.

If an individual chooses to hire a Licensed engineer to design and inspect a project he or she may do so to be content with the design of a structure. Let the private sector self regulate construction.

Please use careful consideration when taking advice from the Real Estate Industry. This is the industry that has a corner on the market for selling property and protects itself from any liability by way of a large contract. They do not participate in any of the regulation and expense of the permit or code process.

Therefore as a professional in the construction industry and a citizen of Kootenai County I vote for option 2, voluntary participation in the building permit process.

Thank you for your consideration, Daryl E. Jenkins