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Commissioners re: Docket 24-OIR-03,

I am a California based contractor in El Cajon and among many things I am concerned the complexity of the required reporting will cause financial burden on small businesses who must outsource the task, or cause more stress on small businesses and contractors who already have an overwhelming number of other hurdles and tasks to perform just to do business in the state of California. I am also not comfortable with sharing sensitive personal and or business information in general given the current landscape of rampant hacking and corruption. Nor am I comfortable with my competitors potentially gaining access to any of this information and using it to sabotage, manipulate, or push out smaller businesses with less resources to control local markets.

This required reporting will not solve the problem of permit compliance because there are large numbers of unlicensed "contractors" and "handy men" who install equipment from out of state or from Mexico at a fraction of the cost of legitimate contractors doing things the right way. This will be yet another burden on legitimate contractors and business further increasing the edge of the illegitimate competition, on whom regulations hardly have an impact.

It is dangerous and wrong to push unnecessary burdens onto businesses to make up for the shortcomings of governing bodies. These types of regulations cause businesses to go under, prices to increase due to added complexity and less competition, as well as giving rise to illegitimate competition able to fill the void. Regulations can not be a useful tool when they will exacerbate the issues they were intended to solve or cause unnecessary burdens on the industries they govern.

The proposed solution by HARDI is better suited to make meaningful progress toward permit compliance without inflicting more damage to an already overwhelmed, and overpriced industry. As well as avoiding the potential for sensitive information to become compromised. Permit data systems already exists, and should be better utilized before implementing new systems. Chase Morse