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President Patricia Dolan below

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DOB corrupt

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Dear Editor:

For more than twenty years, Queens civic leaders have been engaged in a good faith effort to bring reform to the NYC Department of Buildings.

Over the past decades, we have seen the agency's inspectors indicted for bribery, the agency's managers "tweak" the Zoning Resolution and Building Code until neither has any meaning and agency oversight failures resulting in injuries and death.

Earlier this year the Department introduced a new complaint-making process that it claimed would bring efficiency and improve enforcement.

However the new rule, which effectively limits complaints to a 45-day window, has done nothing but shut out the average New Yorker's ability to make a complaint.

Now the Department of Buildings wants us to believe that equipping its inspectors' cell phones with GPS devices will help them enforce the city's building and zoning regulations.

We are unconvinced.

Patricia Dolan

President

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