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Members of the Natural Resources Subcommittee,

Thank you for considering HB 2007 and the -4 amendments. My wife and I live in Eastmoreland, a SE Portland neighborhood that has been torn apart by a proposal by a small group of neighbors to designate everyone's home in the neighborhood as national historic landmarks.

The process to become a National Historic District is undemocratic. As in our case, a small group of neighbors can apply to the National Parks Service to designate everyone else's house in a proposed area as historic and therefore impose permanent restrictions on what those homeowners can do with their own properties. The district goes into effect automatically unless 50%+1 title holders go to the trouble to sign notarized objections and send them to the state and federal government. Under the rules, you're automatically a historic district supporter unless you spend inordinate amounts of energy, time and money to organize and oppose.

The -4 amendments would allow for a meaningful local conversation about historic district restrictions instead of a small group of applicants foisting national regulations on the entire neighborhood and have them race the clock for objections just to maintain the current property regulations.

My wife and I hope that you will approve HB 2007 with the -4 amendments to allow for a more civil, neighborly process to occur while also expanding opportunities for affordable housing across Oregon.

Thank you,

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