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I oppose **HB2007**. It is designed by developers to continue the demolition and degradation of the livability of our neighborhoods. There is nothing 'affordable' about knocking down existing, single family homes in neighborhoods.

As a resident of King neighborhood in Portland, demolition of perfectly nice, small, affordable family homes is happening every day. What goes up in their place are ridiculous, over-priced, modern monstrosities that loom over neighboring homes, blocking sunlight and forever changing the face of the neighborhood. Because the neighborhood is not wealthy, or particularly organized, the rapid pace of razing pre-1900 built homes by developers continues at a fierce clip. Check out the demolition permitting map if you think I'm making up facts. It is happening all around me. A new home on NE Failing at 9th, sold for \$885,000. Hardly in the "affordable" category.

But this is a double sided argument. Out of one side of the mouth, we hear, 'affordable, affordable, affordable'. Out of the other side, any request to raze modest homes is approved because of the bottom line. New, expensive houses' property tax is substantially higher than the existing homes. And it is always about the money, regardless of all the arguments being made about affordability.

Sincerely,  
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