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Senators and Representatives,

I write this message in the hope that you will vote no on HB2007, or not allow it to advance beyond your committee.

I first visited Oregon and Portland as a recent college graduate in 1994, and knew this was the place for me. I moved to Portland in December of 1994. My graduate studies in Urban & Regional Planning tell me the development pattern in Oregon is no accident, and HB2007 is a threat to the planning process of our state.

HB2007 is marketed as a method to create affordable housing across the state, but the proponents offer no evidence on how it will create affordable housing.

HB2007 allows demolition of homes in all residential neighborhoods throughout the state by right with no public input. It will allow multi family homes by right in single family zones in every city and county in the state. Design review of new residential development will not be allowed in residential areas of any city or county in the state, with a couple minor exceptions.

How did we get to the point where this bill is before Way and Means?

Has there been any public outreach regarding this proposal?

Have any city, county or state planning agencies been notified and asked to comment?

HB2007 is an insult to Goal 1 of the Oregon Statewide Planning Goals:

*CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT Goal 1 calls for "the opportunity for citizens to be involved in all phases of the planning process." It requires each city and county to have a citizen involvement program containing six components specified in the goal. It also requires local governments to have a committee for citizen involvement (CCI) to monitor and encourage public participation in planning.*

How can there be citizen involvement if nobody is aware of HB2007?

The backers of HB2007 say this proposal will help create affordable housing throughout the state.

If that's the case, why isn't HB2007 headline news?

The bottom line is HB2007 is a gift to real estate developers at the expense of neighborhood livability. It will do nothing to create affordable housing.

Please vote "No" on HB2007.

Sincerely,

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