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Dear Members of the House and Ways Committee:

Thank you for exploring ways to address the affordable housing shortage throughout Oregon. I appreciate the time and effort you are giving to this issue.

I've lived in Astoria nearly 50 years and have worked my entire professional life to revitalize this city through historic preservation. The investment has paid off. Astoria has pulled itself out of a slump. However, now we too suffer from a lack of affordable housing.

Although I am very pleased you are seeking solutions to the state's housing shortage, HB 2007 endangers one piece that makes Astoria and the rest of Oregon so special: its stock of historic buildings.

Affordable housing and the retention of historic buildings is not an either or situation.

Restore Oregon, of which I am a regional representative, has offered common sense amendments to HB 2007. (please see the attached letter) I urge you to support these amendments or to vote no on HB 2007 as it is currently written.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

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