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I am writing as your constituent to please not support the HB2007. I am fully supportive of Oregon's statewide planning goals including density, urban growth boundaries, etc. I am also supportive of rent controls and other efforts to increase affordable housing. However, I am not in favor of this bill. I believe it will not achieve the goal it supposedly claims.

First of all, affordable is not low-income. This bill does nothing to help the truly unfortunate low income and homeless populations.

Second, it prevents historic districts from being established. All historic districts could be labeled as anti-development simply by the nature of what they are...an effort to save and preserve the character of a neighborhood. I also believe this bill violates the federal Historic Preservation Act of 1966. There will surely be lawsuits as a result. We have land use laws and zoning on the books currently that allow for infill development. They are working well in Portland where underutilized lots on major transportation corridors are being developed. Unfortunately they are usually not affordable, and certainly not low income, but there are some measures that may help to change this. Destroying older neighborhoods that have historic homes is not going to provide affordable housing. The high end neighborhood of Eastmoreland has had modest homes demolished only to be replaced by two homes that cost over \$700,000 each. how is HB2007 going to fix this?

I also feel that making this a statewide law is wrong. These decisions should be left up to the local communities. This is not a one size fits all situation.

Please vote against this bill. It will only cause anger, grief, destruction of current building fabric, and will not provide solutions to our real problems of low-income housing and homelessness.

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