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I am writing to express my opposition to House Bill 2007. I am astounded that my representative, Alissa Keny-Guyer (who calls herself progressive) has aligned with deep-pocketed developers to sponsor a bill that will do NOTHING to increase affordable housing in Portland. What it WILL do is enrich developers at the expense of the quality of life in neighborhoods such as mine.

My family and I are residents of Laurelhurst, and we are very much in favor of designating Laurelhurst an Historic District to protect the neighborhood from predatory developers, who ruin neighborhoods in which they themselves are not residents, and therefore not stakeholders.

In its current form, HB 2007 explicitly attempts to interfere with existing local, state and even federal law regarding historic designation and design review that protects the character of neighborhoods such as mine.

We expect our legislators to be working to find EFFECTIVE solutions for Portland's housing crisis—such solutions will require actual commitment and investment by the city of Portland and the State of Oregon. House Bill 2007 provides neither.

This bill is being promoted under the guise of expanding affordable housing, but the fact is, it will do no such thing. There is ample evidence for the fact that it will not provide any meaningful solutions to the housing crisis in Portland—just look to Seattle, where similar measures have been enacted. Meaningful solutions to the housing shortage will require significant public investment—our legislators can't simply throw up their collective hands and say "let the private sector take care of it." As I am sure you are aware, the private sector's primary motivation is to maximize profit, not provide solutions for our city's social problems.

Representative Keny-Guyer has called her own constituents who have expressed thoughtful concerns about this bill "racist NIMBYS who want to self-segregate." This is both insulting and demeaning. Representative Keny-Guyer's position is at best willful ignorance, and is at worst the selling out of her constituents for deep-pocketed developers.

Over 1500 residents of Laurelhurst currently support an Historic District, and that number is growing. We are keeping close track of this bill, and we WILL be voting in the next election.

Respectfully,

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Laurelhurst resident