

**From:** Mr. S. Johnson  
**To:** [JWMNR Exhibits](#)  
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Hello:

I am writing to you to express my concerns and opposition to HB2007. I believe this bill would give excessive - if not all - control to developers and would eliminate input on what gets built by residents. As I understand it, it would also practically eliminate the concept of a historic district in Oregon statewide by undermining the protections contained therein.

Most importantly, HB2007, from what I can see, will NOT create more affordable housing, which I understand was the original goal of the bill. I believe the purpose of the bill has been hi-jacked and watered down by commercial development interests (and their shills) who are now trying to increase their profits under the guise of affordable housing creation. Please do not fall for this sneaky tactic.

I moved to Portland for its character and its feel, among other things. This includes both people AND buildings (AND plant-life). I am concerned about affordable housing, on various levels. But I think this bill does NOT provide good solutions, and in fact will make Portland LESS affordable overall. And losing character will harm Portland significantly over the long run.

Here is a background article, in case you're interested:  
<http://www.southeastexaminer.com/2017/05/the-rip-in-rip-city/>

Please continue to protect historic Oregon. Please address affordable housing in more enlightened, comprehensive, thoughtful ways.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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