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Hello,

I am writing to voice my support for HB2007 to address our housing crisis in Oregon, **with a specific request (at the very least) that National Registry Historic Districts not be subject to design and demolition review without affirmative consent of a majority of affected property owners.** That said, it is my ultimate hope that the very option of a Historic District be removed from neighborhoods such as mind (Laurelhurst), as it is a deliberate attempt, driven by a small, agenda-driven folks (including personal/financial agendas related to their historic home renovation businesses) to build 'a wall' around certain (and entire) neighborhoods, for the purpose of preventing positive/sustainable change. It is not progressive, nor does it represent the values of our city. It is fundamentally classist 'not in my backyard' in an ultimate and permanent way.

It is also very important to note that the core group of folks in favor of pushing the HD designation forward are doing so using misinformation, fear based tactics (fear of demolitions) and with deliberate effort to prevent factual and alternative opinions to be heard. As such, I fear the majority of my neighbors in the Laurelhurst neighborhood have already 'determined' that a Historic District is the only solution to a threat that does not exist. As such, you will likely and unfortunately only get a handful of emails such as mine. I truly hope that you to recognize that the few voices in support of HB2007 represent a much larger constituency (but one which I believe is currently largely and deliberately misinformed).

Thank you for listening, and for all that you do in support of our wonderful city and state!