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Dear members of the committee.

I am a foreclosure counselor, working with homeowners throughout Multnomah county to negotiate with their banks and fight for their homes. I am also a renter struggling to afford rent in North Portland on a meager non-profit salary. Housing is an issue that impacts me personally and professionally, and for this reason I would like to voice my support for HB2007, specifically with -6 amendments.

I support this bill because low to moderate income Oregonians such as myself and my clients desperately need more housing options, and I fear for myself and my clients that costs are rising to the point that only the wealthy will be able to live here for generations to come.

I support the provisions in this bill that help to achieve the goal of affordable housing. I understand that this bill will help to prioritize affordable housing permits, allow ADUs and duplexes in single family neighborhoods, allow religious institutions to develop affordable housing on their properties, and will help the historic designation process to not be a vehicle for exclusion of low to moderate income families.

The historic designation provision is quite important, as it corrects loopholes in our state's laws, which currently allow private groups of landowners to bypass City Hall, and ask the National Park Service to declare their entire neighborhood a historic site. We cannot let some neighborhoods insulate themselves from diverse and affordable housing types by mis-using the National Historic District designation to prevent infill and redevelopment. The bill would close that unintended loophole in state law.

Thank you for your support of this much-needed bill.

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