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RE: Natural Resources Subcommittee of the Joint Ways & Means Committee

Happy summer!

My name is Rosalie McDougall, and I write on behalf of myself and my husband, Dr. Cherrie Abraham. We live in the Eastmoreland neighborhood in Portland. I write to you in support of HB 2007.

We bought our home in Eastmoreland in the fall of 2015. We did not know we were landing in a neighbourhood at the beginning of a dreadful and completely un-democratic fight due to the local neighbourhood associations (ENA) misuse of their power in attempting to shove through an Historic District Designation proposal. According to them, this was in order to curb the small number of demolitions that have occurred in Eastmoreland over the last few years.

In my view, this HD proposal is an attempt to control land use policy in a manner by exploiting loopholes in state law that occur with the HD as a national register designation. It is a means to control exclusionary zoning by the use of the national register process.

I have heard in casual talk among neighbours referring to keeping 'the other' out, and also one man clearly telling me that if someone can't afford the financial impact that occurs with an HD designation, 'they should find another place to live'.

I understand the population growth that has been occurring in Portland over the last decade and more has stretched the bounds of what people are used to in this lovely city, and in my lovely neighbourhood, but without proper and considered process, the fight to curb that growth in a few select neighbourhoods can only breed imbalance.

The beauty of Portland, from my perspective, is the melange of all walks of life.

Please support HB 2007 as a means to help our community - not just Eastmoreland but all the neighbourhoods that are feeling the pain of growth - manage the future growth of Portland with a balanced, thoughtful, and fair approach. Not in some slap dash 'we know what's best and hush up otherwise!' manner.

Please support HB 2007.

Thank you for your time, and consideration.

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