From: Tony Jordan

To: <u>JWMNR Exhibits</u>

Subject: HB 2007 Testimony

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Dear Members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of HB2007, specifically with -6 amendments.

I live in the Sunnyside neighborhood of Portland and, until June, was chair of the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association. As chair I worked very hard to ensure that our board did not act as a de facto "homeowners association" but, instead, advocated for policies that would lead to less displacement, more affordable housing, and more housing supply in our complete neighborhood. I specifically sought out the involvement of renters in the neighborhood and I was attacked on social media for doing so.

HB2007 is important because it removes barriers to infill development and prevents neighborhoods with less concern for affordable housing and more housing supply from "opting out" of diverse and affordable housing types by misusing National Historic District designations.

We want cities in Oregon to be welcoming to a diverse multitude of hard-working and creative people from around the country, regardless of their socio-economic or racial background. In order to do so, we cannot continue to allow discriminatory exclusionary zoning patterns of the past to continue or even be expanded.

Thank you for your support of HB2007 with the -6 amendments.

Sincerely, Tony Jordan 4540 SE Yamhill St. Portland, OR 97215