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Senator Mark Dembrow, chair Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Chair Dembrow and Committee members:

I urge you to support <u>Senate Bill 927</u>. This bill will return Historic designations to the way we make decisions in Oregon: a public process, with criteria and an opportunity to comment, and a public decision by a public body.

The current situation allows designations to be made at the federal level without considering local and state land use goals. This process has been used by some neighborhoods in attempts to override the local legislative process, and has thwarted cities' efforts to plan for equitable and sustainable neighborhoods, transportation and access to jobs. The bill would strengthen the local land use planning and Historic designation process, allowing new Historic Districts to be formed by municipalities after a public process and local decision.

Supporting this bill will return local control to Oregon land use and historic designation processes.

Thank you.

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