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To the Committee:

As a participant in Senator Dembrow's Historic Resources Legislation work group, I want to express my strong support for the resulting two bills, SB 927 and SB 929. We worked hard to make sure several goals were achieved:

- 1) Continuing protections for previously designated and protected resources
- 2) Ensuring local jurisdictions have the full say in what to designate and protect in the future -- by decoupling local protections and designation from future National Register of Historic Places listings
- 3) Removing the veto power of individual owners when the community determines historic resources deserve to be protected, while ensuring full opportunity for owner's concerns to be considered
- 4) Building on the accomplishments of the Land Conservation and Development Commission in its revision of Goal 5 rules for historic resource protections adopted in 2017.

This set of changes will bring Oregon into line with national best practices in Historic Preservation and provide a workable framework for jurisdictions both large and small to inventory, evaluate and, if they so choose, protect their historic resources consistent with community needs and their comprehensive plans.

In parallel with this we have SB 929, which also brings Oregon in line with national best practices for states with state income taxes. This provides substantive financial incentives for rehabilitation of historic resources. This program can contribute to production of more naturally affordable housing through creating adaptive reuse of historic structures and support Oregon's urgent needs for greater seismic resilience.

I urge passage of SB 927 and SB 929.

Regards,
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