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Subject: Statement of support for SB 927

Chair Dembrow, Vice Chair Olsen, and esteemed members of the Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources,

I write to express my support of the passage of SB 927, and its repeal of the "Owner Consent" provision.

It is important that citizens have a voice in the future of historic properties in their communities. Currently, our system for protecting and preserving historic properties is one of- if not the- worst in the nation. SB 927 will bring Historic Preservation in Oregon in line with the rest of Oregon's land use laws. It will allow communities an opportunity to identify, restore, and preserve what is culturally and historically relevant to them.

The current system is inefficient, biased, and utterly broken.

As a longtime commissioner on a city Landmarks Advisory Commission, and as a citizen who sees value in preserving the cultural and architectural riches our state has to offer, I encourage you to pass SB 927.

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