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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 929.

Historic preservation is incredibly important- we all love to share and enjoy those special properties that reflect a special special time or circumstance in our state's history. Unfortunately, Oregon is often a very difficult place for everyday citizens to accomplish significant restoration and rehabilitation. That's why SB 929 is so valuable.

By offering credits for seismic retrofitting and other rehabilitation and restoration projects, we will likely see not only more preservation, but increased housing as well. There are so many incredible ways to adapt historic structures for retail and residential use, and the provisions in SB 929 are the vehicle to create more opportunities for preservation and all good things that stem from it.

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 929.

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