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Thank you all for your work on SB 927

### I support these concepts:

- De-link national and local historic districts. Require that a local process be followed to have local land use restrictions placed on resources placed in a historic district, including National Register-designated historic districts. Rationale - the National Register process is not appropriate for automatic local restrictions, is not under local control, is undemocratic, has vague guidelines, etc. I believe it was meant to be honorary only. As far as we know, only in Oregon does it currently come with immediate local land use restrictions. Those should be in place only after a local process such as the one SB 927 contemplates.

- Do not have historic demolition restrictions apply to non-contributing resources, or to accessory structures unless they individually have been determined to be historic. Rationale - why would you?

### Please consider these points:

- Rule-making is very, very important. Clear rules are necessary, as the property rights of Oregon citizens are being impacted. Please provide clarity about how processes are to work going forward. The lack of clarity is one of the real problems with the National Register process in Oregon, and has lead to different treatment of different designation applications.

- Require pro-active consent of owners to establish districts that include design guidelines and restrictions. If you proceed to allow local designation to happen without owner consent, have very clear rules, do not allow the decisions to be in the hands of preservationists alone or anyone with a conflict of interest, and take all reasonable precautions to ensure that inclusionary processes are used and inclusionary issues are given full consideration. We don't need redlining or exclusion, whether intentional or not.

- Consider limiting the size of districts, in particular residential districts that can encompass hundreds or thousands of owners.

Thank you for your consideration of these points.

Sincerely,

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