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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HB3414

I write today in opposition to HB 3414 in its current form because it fails to recognize and protect historic structures and neighborhoods throughout our state. It also fails to protect and honor the importance of design regulations throughout the state and would undermine the sanctity of long standing local review processes.

Our current Governor has demonstrated little to no respect for the value and character our historic structures and neighborhoods add to the beauty of our state. The idea that unfettered construction of residential buildings will somehow miraculously solve the housing shortage for low income and houseless residents is naive and/or simply wrongheaded. Developers and builders may love this idea but their interests are not always in keeping with the long term best interests of the community which we know and love as Oregon.

Respectfully submitted,
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