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Section 22(1)(f) currently requires “(f) Repealing requirements for demolition review for houses listed in the National Register of Historic Places as contributing structures to a historic district that are not themselves named as historic structures.”

As the owner of a house in Portland which is more than 100 years old, past occupant of many historic buildings in other states and cities, and a retired professional who worked on proposals for new historic districts, and on design of renovations of historic buildings on the National Register of Historic Places, I strongly support review of potential demolitions of contributing structures in historic districts.

I am not advocating for a blanket ban on demolitions. Rather it is important to have a review of any proposed demolitions to ensure the integrity of the historic district remains. There should be an opportunity for rational community decision making by those with knowledge of important cultural resources.

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