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I urge you to either delete Section 22(1)(f) or to vote against HB 2138-1. Repealing the requirements for demolition review for contributing houses list in the National Register of Historic Places is a terrible idea. Removing demolition reviews is only a gift to developers, while it would destroy the character of our historic districts. The districts were designated as historic for good reasons. Removal of contributing homes without any review process flies against the entire concept of historic districts. Recent demolitions in Irvington, for example, have already demonstrated that homes torn down in historic districts are not replaced by middle or affordable housing, but rather by even more expensive housing. Demolition reviews for contributing housing in historic districts need to be retained!