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Our cities need more housing. We can't let a select few neighborhoods abuse historic preservation laws to prevent it. That's why I am writing to express my SUPPORT for HB 2138--and to urge lawmakers to RETAIN language in Section 22 that repeals demolition review requirements in National Register Historic Districts.

Cities like Portland are in desperate need of so-called missing-middle housing. Change is scary, but we can have neighborhood character *and* increased housing density. None of this is zero-sum. Retaining the language in Section 22 around demolition review requirements will provide cities with the flexibility they need to meet today's housing demands, all while preserving what makes Oregon such an incredible place to live.