

Submitter: T R

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2138

Dear Chair Marsh and Members of the House Committee on Housing and Homelessness,

My name is TR and I live in Eastmoreland. I support HB 2138, which will positively affect Oregon's housing shortage by legalizing more housing across the state with land already available in our cities and towns and cutting red tape that prevents working families from choosing homes that allow them to live affordably in their own communities. This bill will help people live near jobs that invest in their community, create opportunities for more people who want to become homeowners, allow more people to stay in their communities as they age, and make use of vacant lots to help neighborhoods be vibrant.

However, communities that are listed as Historic Districts should not be infringed upon. We must keep neighborhoods that have historic significance vibrant to attract potential newcomers to the city. Please retain language that supports keeping historic districts as a crucial component of the city's culture and historic significance.

Thank you.