

To: State Representative Pam Marsh, State Representative Tom Andersen, State Representative Vikki Breese-Iverson, State Representative Rob Nosse, State Senator Kathleen Taylor, Portland Mayor Keith Wilson, City Administrator Michael Jordan, District 3 City Councilors Tiffany Koyama Lane, Angelita Morillo, and Steve Novick

Re:Section 22(1)(f) of HB 2138

My name is Dr Rose Schneier. I live at 3703B East Burnside Street in Portland Ny daughter, daughter-in-law and I became part of the Laurelhurst community 3 years ago when we moved into a Craftsman house built by Portland architect A.L. DuPuy in 1914 for his family, who occupied it until 1952. Many homes neighboring us have similar rich histories.

Since moving to this beautiful and historic home, I have built an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) on the garage footprint behind the house. This enabled my family and me to increase privacy and living space without demolishing or altering the house itself.

Section 22(1)(f) would repeal requirements for demolition review for houses listed in the National Register of Historic Places. This would promote purchase of these

historically important structures by conglomerates for the purpose of tearing them down and replacing them, not with “affordable” homes or ADU’s, but with McMansions. This was the pattern for real estate in Austin Texas, my home for 18 years before moving to Portland. I lived in a well-established community there, but there was a “tear-down” on every block. Instead of multi-unit, affordable housing, the traditional, single-family homes were replaced by huge single-family homes that extended as close to the lot lines as was within code. I don’t want to see the same thing happen in my Laurelhurst neighborhood.

I join with my neighbors in urging the Committee to Remove Section 22(1)(f) from HB 2138 .

Thank you for your consideration.

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