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I've been a historic preservation advocate in Oregon for greater than 25 years and am a former Historic Commissioner for the City of Ashland.

Historic districts and homes provide a wonderful opportunity to expand housing in Oregon but removing protections will only lead to a worsening housing crisis in our state.

Please remove Section 22(1)(f) from HB2138-1. The intent of HB 2138 is to create more middle housing in Oregon, which I generally support. As written, middle or affordable housing is not required as a condition for removing demolition review.

We can expand housing and protect historic resources at the same time without damaging our neighborhoods.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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