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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2138

Please remove Section 22(1)(f) from this bill.

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 a demolition review process.

This section has consequences that does not allow the community to weigh into historic or cultural structures. Oregon is falling behind in the restoration and re-use of historic structures. Having such ease with demolition would not be conducive to keeping Oregon's commitment to being green. Please consider what Oregon values, rather than allow developers to override community and environment opposition. There has to be a thoughtful, planned approach to creating spaces.