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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2138

I agree with the intent of HB 2138 is to create more middle housing in Oregon. I am concerned about the language in Section 22(1)(f) from HB2138-1 that can weaken or remove demolition reviews on historically contributing properties. I believe many citizens who would move into new middle housing built in existing neighborhoods would especially appreciate living close to historically significant properties, which are the exception, not the rule. I urge careful consideration of how this rule is written, or consider striking it altogether if it is not central to HB 2138 as a whole. There is ample opportunity to introduce middle housing within Oregon neighborhoods that are desirable for their existing and irreplaceable urban fabric without Section 22(1)(f).