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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 new rule would eliminate the minimal protection of a process that is designed to review and balance the needs of local communities and their historic homes and places. Oregon has over 138 National Register Historic Districts and thousands of designated homes across our state. So this section of the bill, if retained, would greatly impact these historic places, potentially leading to unrestricted demolition. This would diminish the historic and cultural heritage of our beloved Oregon.