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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2138

Dear Legislative Representatives,

My wife Jane and I live in a historic district. It is essentially a living history museum, and we talk to visitors regularly who are curious about the history of the neighborhood and its uniqueness. We as a society should preserve our past while living in the present, and looking forward to the future. In our historic district, there has been development, with the look of the new construction fitting in with what is there. We are not nimbys who don't allow any change. Allowing historically compatible ADUs would add to the amount of housing without destroying the look and feel of historic districts, if done with some height restrictions and common sense. Abolishing historic districts in their entirety is total overkill, and future generations will wonder what we were thinking -- a modern version of we paved paradise and put up a parking lot.

Sincerely, David and Jane Schue