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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2138

I'm writing to testify in favor of HB 2138. Middle housing is a critical component of our housing production strategy and this bill is a major improvement to our affordable housing standards. We **MUST** retain section 22. (1) in this bill, which puts reasonable limits on the use of historic districts to block new housing construction. There is very little democratic process behind designating homes as contributing structures in the national register of historic places, making it an ideal strategy to block infill housing by preserving homes with no historic value. This bill is an excellent opportunity to eliminate this loophole without compromising real historic preservation.