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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2138

I wholly support HB 2138 which will allow for more housing choice in neighborhoods across the state. I also specifically urge the committee to retain the language in SECTION 22. (1), which repeals the requirement for demolition review for houses which are listed as "contributing" in National Register Historic Districts. National Register Historic Districts are definitively less responsive to local issues than locally-designated historic districts. This bill retains Oregon cities' ability to preserve historical resources and does not impact local historic districts, but grants cities the flexibility they need to address our ongoing cost of living crisis. It is important that we square the often competing issues of historic preservation and housing development to arrive at solutions that address the greatest economic pressures facing Oregonians.