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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2138

Please remove ending demolition review from HB 2138,

I am not against density or affordable housing but removal of Demolition Review for historic structures means that developers will be able to buy historic properties and bulldoze them overnight without notification of neighbors, the State Historic Preservation Office, etc. There is no provision for middle-level housing to be built or even affordable housing. I believe this bill is largely being driven by developers whose sole interest is in profiting by building the most profitable housing (read expensive housing) the market will bear. Inclusion of "ending demolition review" in the bill is lopsided toward developers and wishful thinking around more affordable housing.

Please make a smart and considered vote and vote no.

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