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I've watched the urban fabric of Seattle degrade over the last 20 years due to desultory design reviews. I moved to Portland, which has a far more integrated and well-considered mix of newer buildings. The difference is stark. Please don't allow Portland to go this way. Portland needs these reviews to maintain it's urban coherence and charm. Once constructed, newer ill-considered buildings with design driven by profit without checks, will mar the city for a century or more. I believe this will result in considerable. lasting damage to the city. Design reviews and economical construction are not mutually exclusive. I vehemently oppose removing the Design Review as it is proposed in the SB974 –1 Amendment “Section 12 (5)” on page 10 and “Section 13 (5)” on page 11.

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