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I am writing you today to voice my support for HB2007A-6.

I am supportive of this bill to address issues associated with availability and affordability of housing.

Benefits of this bill include:

- Decreasing delays in getting building permits for affordable housing
- Allowing additional dwelling units (ADUs) and duplexes in single-family neighborhoods.

I support providing housing options for Oregonians of all incomes in connected communities, where people have access to their work, school, healthcare, public amenities, and transit. In particular, legalizing ADUs and duplexes in some fashion in our neighborhoods is a great way to add smaller, discreet homes in a way that is compatible with existing neighborhoods. HB 2007 takes significant steps to help meet Oregon's housing challenges while ensuring people have access to opportunity in connected communities.

Of particular importance to me is the increased transparency in the historic designation process and closing loopholes that circumvent public participation. As an Eastmoreland resident, I fully support this bill's disconnecting a National Historic District designation from automatically applying restrictions, instead requiring a local public process to do so. The unreasonable negative owner-consent requirement presently in place in Oregon for National Historic Districts is undemocratic and unfair – this loophole, unique to our state, should be closed.

Thank you for your support of this much-needed bill.

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