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I am a long-time Realtor who strongly opposes several key provisions in HB2007. I wholly support affordable housing but this bill does not do this.

Good strong Democratic voices have been duped to support provisions that only help brokers make more sales, and line the already deep pockets of developers. This is not a bill for the people of Portland but only for developers and real estate brokers.

There is specific and strong harm to historic districts with this bill. It is why the majority of local architects oppose it. It takes away local control over what can be built in established neighborhoods, especially design review and the "teeth" in Federal Historic status areas live Eastmoreland and Laurelhurst Park areas. It knocks the teeth out of any preservationist projects.

The homebuilder associations, the Oregon Association of Realtors and the 1000 Friends of Oregon are either disingenuous or they also have been duped: none of the demolitions have resulted in affordable housing! Indeed the homes that are being purchased to demolish reduces the number of middle class homes available to other buyers.

The "emergency" being addressed by this quickly written bill is a farce. It's nearly as bad as the Senate's performance in Washington regarding the supposed alternative Health Care bill written in secret.

I will be watching closely who aligns where with this, but want to testify that this bill is terrible for homeowners, terrible for Portland, another thorn for renters and removes control of the future of neighborhoods from the residents. Do we really need more of the cookie-cutter condos and multi-family units in historic and beloved neighborhoods?

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