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I favor passage of this bill. I think it is important to allow greater density of housing in Oregon's cities in order to preserve farmland and forest land. Oregon's population continues to grow. Particular parts of cities should not be able to prevent reasonable density such as the construction of duplexes or the expansion of existing homes. Allowing neighborhoods, such as Laurelhurst in Portland, to do so is unfair to property owners, as well as other neighborhoods that would be subject to greater density. The burden of providing room for our expanding population should be shared, not prevented by red-lining. The establishment of historic districts is being misused to increase the costs of housing in areas where established owners of large homes with no potential of expansion wish to maintain the status quo for their own self-interest.

We are already protected by zoning laws. I urge the passage of HB 2007.

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