



March 1, 2019

Representative Alissa Keny-Guyer
House Committee on Revenue

Re. HB 2663 –

Dear Committee Members:

On behalf of the statewide members and supporters of Restore Oregon, I urge you to support HB 2663. This bill will provide an important option for communities facing a housing shortage, and help stem the tide of demolitions sweeping across many central city neighborhoods.

Across the state there are stately, oversized houses that are too big for today's smaller families, too expensive to maintain, and zoning now allows for greater density. Often they become targets for demolition.

Having the option to retain these local landmarks while converting them into multiple units is a WIN-WIN for everyone:

- More housing is created.
- The quality materials, local cultural history, craftsmanship, and community character they embody is retained.

Thank you for your consideration,

Peggy Moretti
Executive Director

Founded in 1977, Restore Oregon is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that advocates for sound preservation policy and legislation. The organization's mission is to preserve, reuse and pass forward the historic places that make our communities livable and sustainable.

Each year, Restore Oregon provides statewide educational programming and technical assistance, while working to save the sites and structures featured on its annual list of Oregon's Most Endangered Places. Restore Oregon holds over 40 conservation easements on historic properties, thereby protecting them in perpetuity. Learn more at www.restoreoregon.org.