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Dear Senator Mark Hass and members of the Senate Committee on Revenue and Finance:

I urge your committee to support SB 48, extending for three years the special assessment provisions for historic preservation. The provision is currently the only incentive for historic preservation offered by the state of Oregon. The special assessment has been valuable in past preservation efforts and should be continued. With the growing recognition that existing buildings are the only form of market-based affordable housing as well as the recognition of the need for earthquake safety improvements, the extension of the special assessment incentive has increased importance. While the special assessment program is not adequate to meet these critical needs, it should be maintained until stronger measures like SB 929 are adopted and have proven adequate to the job ahead of us.

Sincerely,

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