Dear lawmakers,

Please do not let Portland become a city that takes the dignity and character of a place and demolishes it so that developers can make big bucks: Less tree canopy, less drainage, more need for AC, fewer senior citizens b/c they can no longer afford property taxes and/or rent, less low-income working people for those same reasons.

I am opposed to HB 2001A because I have seen how these things go. It will not enhance anyone's quality of life who really needed the enhancement. The enhancement will only be in the pockets of the developers. It will bring them riches, and short-term business gains to those employed by them.

There are other and better ways to ensure housing for more (and one day for all) and if that is the goal, then the focus MUST BE ON access to housing that is AFFORDABLE, and THAT is where the state can play a part.

Please do not do this. It is easy to SAY it is for affordable housing, but it is not. It is for the profit of the companies making the housing. Let's just call it what it is, if we pass this. It is for deregulating one of our most precious, irreversible resources: our communities, our neighborhoods.

Sincerely, Laura Sciortino