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On Behalf Of:
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I oppose amendments to HB 3414 that would dilute or do away with historic protections, at both state and local levels. Regulations need to be retained and review processes allowed, to uphold the value of our heritage properties. I was involved in my neighborhood becoming the South Oakdale Historic District in 1979 and continue to live in it. The protections in place have been the key to maintaining properties from declining, visually promoting pride and also understanding the history of early community leaders and growth. The investments here have paid off because of protections. I can't begin to count how often someone from around town has said to the effect...how they love the street and the historic homes on it when they drive through. Keeping historic properties is good business and good for morale of a community. As the former owner of a downtown historic commercial building, the same is true as any historic building needs to be protected from overly enthusiastic, often inappropriate, developments.