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Please don't discard the decades of dedicated work done by Oregonians committed to the idea of preserving and restoring the distinctive and historic structures of the state. Enormous irreversible damage could follow if HB 3414 becomes law.

Buildings with ties to historic figures and events, buildings of striking historical appearance, buildings that show how the people of Oregon emerged from their roots as frontierspeople to create beautiful houses, commercial and even industrial buildings that lift the spirits: Don't dismiss those in favor of a short-sighted effort to get more Oregonians into housing. That's a worthy goal, but one that can be achieved without abetting the destruction of our legacy of historic structures.

The problem of houselessness wasn't caused by Oregon's efforts to preserve the character of its buildings; it won't be solved by abandoning those efforts, either.