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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HB3414

Hello!

I write today to express my opposition to the variance provision of HB 3414. I live in an Oregon city with four historic districts, all of them equally contributing to the livability of our city. Our city (Ashland) and its Historic Commission work directly and cooperatively with developers and property owners to preserve our architectural heritage. The process works as it should now and we work together to create housing and development opportunities. The variance provisions of HB 3414 if passed in its current form will endanger our ability to have a say in the future of our historic districts statewide.

There are many ways to encourage the development of more and affordable housing opportunities in Oregon. We can do both, but please do not dilute our ability to work together with developers and homeowners directly to preserve our communities.

Respectfully,

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