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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure: HB3414

Chair and Members of the Oregon House Rules Committee:

I testify in opposition of HB3414. I support Historic Preservation. I do not support quick, short-term, knee-jerk solutions to what is primarily an economic housing equity problem. Bypassing Local, Home-rule control of development standards disenfranchises me as a citizen and community member. A system of Land Use Planning, including Historic Preservation has been developed over decades, supported by the voters of Oregon, past and present. Much like SB 4, this is a short-term reaction quick-fix with long-term effects that can be detrimental to communities without their input or control. When a Historic structure with cultural value is demolished or a green field is developed, it is lost forever. There are many better ways to increase housing supply. Taking away local protection and control of historic preservation would do little to increase the amount and affordability of housing but would do much to alienate community members by diminishing their self-determination.

Thank You,
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