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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3190

Dear Chair Nathanson, Vice Chairs Reschke and Walters, and Committee Members,

I am writing to give my enthusiastic support for HB 3190, a bill that reauthorizes and refines Oregon's long-standing Special Assessment for Historic Properties program. This program has been a vitally important financial tool for owners of historic commercial properties to restore their buildings for the benefit of the entire community. In many cases this program has led to the revitalization of the downtown areas and main streets throughout Oregon. This program will allow the restoration and repurposing of many more historic buildings that add to the character, history & unique sense of place of our towns and cities alike. It also will create more housing by enabling the restoration of the upper floors of commercial buildings which can be used as apartments. Finally, it will be in keeping with Oregon's ecological goals to reduce waste, preserve natural resources and lower our carbon footprint by re-using rather than demolishing our historic buildings. Thanks you for your support of this measure. It will do a lot of good for our state and our communities.

Sincerely,

Lincoln Tuchow