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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2138

Please remove Section 22(1)(f) from this bill. This new rule would eliminate the minimal protection of a process that is designed to review and balance the needs of local communities and their historic homes and places. Demolition review is the only protection we offer in Oregon - to remove it will nullify Oregon's Land Use Goal 5 for historic resources.

The intent of HB 2138 is to create more middle housing in Oregon, which I generally support. However, this should not be done at the expense of historic properties.

As written, middle or affordable housing is not required as a condition for removing a demolition review process. And, as written, Section 22(1)(f) has no requirement that middle housing or affordable housing replace the demolished historic structure. It has NO connection to the bill's goal.

I thus OPPOSE this bill as written.