

Submitter: Eli Green

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2138

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed legislation. As an architect, I believe our buildings are a reflection of our values, and our historic structures provide a vital link to our past in an increasingly digital world.

Removing demolition review does not address the needs of the houseless population; it only benefits developers. Historic buildings are rarely replaced with middle or low-income housing. This legislation simply caters to the profit-driven interests of developers in Portland and Oregon.

We need to focus on creating real solutions for the houseless individuals in our community. This means providing true support for low-income and starter housing that is affordable for people earning minimum wage.

I urge you to reject this proposal and prioritize the development of meaningful solutions to our housing crisis