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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 HB2138-1. The intent of HB 2138 is to create more middle housing in Oregon, which I generally support. As written, middle or affordable housing is not required as a condition for removing demolition review. Allowing historic resources to be demolished without review or community input will do great harm to our cultural resources without meaningfully contributing to the goals of more 'missing middle' affordable housing. In the long run, if this is passed as written, it will actually work against the goals of creating more affordable housing by turning public support to opposition.

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