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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB6

Dear committee,

I was shocked when just learning of a proposal to allow affordable housing construction without design review. With 40 years of experience in building design, construction and advising, design review is essential for the best of all interests. Without it, our communities will end up skewed only towards the interests of developments and everyone else will have no say. It is especially vital in the protection of historic properties and shut out our cultures within communities.

I urge you to PLEASE RETAIN DESIGN REVIEW. It does stop affordable housing, as that is a need too, but puts all things in a good and sustainable balance. I myself own 2 historic multi-family buildings in Portland and provide affordable housing. My work on these structures was done in a curb appealing fashion and in a sustainable way. I have done a lot of hard work to help bolster design review back in the 1990s and time has proven that it works well with all in our communities.

Thank you for reading this,

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