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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

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I support House Bill 2138 to provide more middle housing options. There is a shortage of housing in Newport, OR and many people needing to be housed here. I also support the measure from a property rights perspective, allowing property owners to secure a reliable source of income, to support their property by building rental units. As a soon to be retired person, facing income insecurity, being able to rent housing on my property would allow ME to stay in my residence as I get older and my income becomes fixed. Similarly, having an addition housing unit on my property would allow for family or friend caregivers to live within very close proximity to me, but not IN my residence, to provide me with support should I need it. Finally, I appreciate my Newport City Counselor, Cynthia Jacobi's objection to the element of the bill that could allow for historic buildings to be demolished without review. I do want to protect historic buildings, and support review before destruction. Thank you for your consideration of these points.