

April 29th, 2025

Hon. Mark Meek, Chair
Hon. Mike McLane, Vice-Chair
Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue
Oregon Legislature
Salem, OR 97301



RE: SUPPORT HB 3190A - Special Assessment for Historic Commercial Properties

Dear Chair Meek, Vice Chair McLane, and Committee Members,

My dad is late historic redeveloper Art DeMuro, founder of Venerable Properties. His passion for history and real estate brought him to Oregon just before I was born in 1991 and he dedicated the last 20 years of his life bringing historic buildings back to life to be enjoyed by generations to come. Whenever I pass one of his projects, I'm reminded not only of him, but of the reverence for history that he instilled in me and my siblings through his work. The White Stag block is not just a few buildings he worked on. They are the buildings that housed logging machinery, early Oregonian manufacturers, and continue to house the famous White Stag sign (now Portland, Oregon sign) that has a mini history all its own.

My dad moved to Oregon because of its history and charm, and I wear the label of born and bred Oregonian with pride. The historic buildings that remain standing are the unique identifiers of Oregon's stories, secrets, and growth. As my dad put it, "Historic buildings are these treasures to be nurtured. They're pieces of all of us. That's why I grieve when one is lost, because once a historic building is demolished it's gone forever and all of that richness of history is gone."

If Art DeMuro were here, I have no doubt he would be on the front lines of this measure, doing everything in his power to protect Oregon's treasured buildings. That's why I support HB 3190A. I support it for my dad, for my community, and for all the future generations to come.

Please help make sure that Oregon continues to be able to nurture our history. Please pass this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Renata DeMuro".

Renata DeMuro



Telegram Building



Fire Station No. 7



Washington High School (project completed by Craig Kelly after Art's passing in 2012)