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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. My parents' home is listed in the National Register and provides a focus for the history of our neighborhood and Black lives in Portland. Contributing structures are integral to understanding a district's social, economic and architectural history. Retaining them allows future generations to appreciate and learn from the past. This new rule would eliminate the minimal protection of a process that is designed to review and balance the needs of local communities and their historic homes and places. That review should remain intact.