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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2138

As a proponent and enthusiast of the wonderful National Historic Districts and National Historic Register properties in my community, and the economic driver for tourism that these historic locations encompass, I ask that you please remove Section 22(1)(f) from HB2138-1. While I support the spirit of HB 2138, which would create more middle housing, as written, this removal of demolition review processes could see us losing treasured historic spaces. Preservation and growth can and do coexist. We can look ahead while still valuing the few snapshots of our history that remain. Please remove Section 22(1)(f) from HB2138-1, and allow for cities to have the opportunity to weigh in on nationally listed properties before being demolished.