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As an advocate for balancing preservation and new development, I appreciate the urgent need to create more affordable housing options. HB 3134, with its current amendments, is not the answer. I strongly support the testimony provided by Restore Oregon. As proposed, HB 3134 disregards Oregon's Goal 5 land use laws and will lead to unintended consequences on Oregon communities.

It essentially dismisses local government with an assumption that the state knows better than elected officials in their communities.

As importantly, it shifts massive power to corporate developers who have no vested interest in community livability, affordability, sustainability, or the retention of cultural heritage.

If HB 3134 moves forward, it must leave in place local protections (typically demolition review and design standards) for the districts and buildings that embody Oregon's diverse heritage.