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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure: HB3414

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB 3414. As currently written, HB 3414 tramples Oregon's Goal 5 land use laws and insults and dismisses local government by assuming the state knows better than the thousands of local mayors, city council members, and planners who live in their communities. Equally concerning is that it shifts massive power to corporate developers who have no vested interest in community livability, affordability, sustainability, stopping displacement, or the retention of cultural heritage.

Please give careful attention to the testimony of Restore Oregon and others opposing this bill. 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.

Give the previous state rezoning mandates some time to take effect. Streamline permitting processes and lower fees. But do not throw away Oregon's land use laws or give developers carte blanche to bulldoze Oregon's heritage.