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On Behalf Of:

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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. We already have so few protections against historic structures. Neighborhoods and community greatly benefit from retaining original buildings. They are aesthetically pleasing, create opportunities for tradespeople to continue to thrive, and maintain the history of Portland. Unnecessary demolition is not a practice I support. Superior quality building materials are wasted, contributing to our ever growing landfills, and the potential for asbestos and lead to contaminate the air and harm neighbors increases greatly.