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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2138

Overall I support the goals of HB 2138. I recognize the critical need to increase housing availability and affordability through zoning reforms and middle housing expansion. However, I do not support Section 22 (1) (f) of HB 2138, which proposes to repeal demolition review for homes listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Demolition review is a crucial step that protects properly designated historic buildings in Portland from being unnecessarily demolished and replaced by new, likely larger and more expensive homes. Once we destroy a piece of history it is gone forever. There are other ways to encourage affordable and dense housing. Please remove Section 22 (1)(f) from HB 2138.

Thank you