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I am writing in strong support of HB 2138.

My wife and I recently moved to Hillsboro, but not by choice. We both wanted to live in Portland, and we looked extensively. We could not find a home we could afford. So we bought a townhouse in Hillsboro.

I watch cities such as Seattle move forward with housing reform. Portland and Oregon have been left behind. HB 2138 will help rectify that. Portland needs to radically increase middle housing if it wants to thrive in the future.

Historical districts have consistently been used by small groups of people to keep their neighborhoods from changing. Historical districts restrict new housing from being built. They keep people like my wife and I out. We simply cannot afford these neighborhoods, as housing supply has not kept up with demand, and the prices reflect this imbalance.

Please, help Portland and Oregon thrive. Give people like my wife and I homes we can live in where we want to live. Don't keep us out. Remove excessive red tape and allow middle housing to grow.

Thank you,
Richard Daughters