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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure: HB3414

HB 3414 can potentially destroy years of hard work for preservation and community development. I am in favor of more affordable housing, but only in cooperation with community-supported groups already effective and functioning to enhance our unique area. As a member of the Benton County Historic Resources Commission, I support our efforts to honor ALL the residents of Benton County through investigation and preservation of the artifacts and built environment they have created, messy and contradictory though it may sometimes be. HB 3414 ignores these realities by placing too much power in the hands of developers without a guarantee of extensive affordable housing. It makes no sense to allow the potential destruction of centuries of history and community (yes, we also honor the Kalapuya -- very much still here) to address admittedly temporary building needs. This is National Historic Preservation Month -- at any time, but especially this time, the Legislature can do better than HB 3414!

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