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TO: Commissioner Chloe Eudaly
Commissioner Amanda Fritz
Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty
Mayor Ted Wheeler

FR: Restore Oregon

RE: Testimony on Residential Infill Project (RIP) Amendments (Hearing 3/12/20)

On the proposed amendments, Restore Oregon **opposes Amendment #6**, which effectively crams a small apartment building onto a single-family lot. To think that can be compatible defies reason, and further increases the financial motivation to demolish existing homes and heritage.

Restore Oregon **strongly supports Amendment #7**. It is essential that we dis-incentivize demolition in historic and conservation districts. RIP incentivizes demolition everywhere else.

Restore Oregon continues to be very concerned that RIP will cost Portland dearly while having no measurable impact on what really matters: affordability, housing for families, and homelessness. To be clear, we support density as provided in the Comp Plan, which provides plenty of capacity to accommodate projected growth. But we fear RIP will:

- accelerate demolitions of existing affordable and family-sized housing,
- release massive amounts of carbon,
- erase the cultural heritage embedded in Portland's neighborhoods,
- increase displacement, and
- severely strain infrastructure.

And if these fears are unfounded, PROVE IT! **One cannot help but compare the rush towards this over-simplified and evidence-deficient plan with the urban renewal schemes of the 60s.** At the very least, the unproven assumptions baked into RIP should be piloted before being rolled out city-wide, and a requirement to track and report the impact of RIP must be adopted.

Thank you.

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