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Subject: Tree codes

Hello,

I'm writing to express my support for strengthened tree protection in our city code. I understand that some protections are due to sunset in the near future and I would urge the city to think about long term quality of life in our urban environment.

I am a homeowner myself and have been restricted in a desired building project on my property because of the tree code. I still support it because the issue is bigger than one lot or one family. The impact on homeowners could also be mitigated by requiring contractors to give out a standard disclaimer at the signing of a contract that informs the homeowner of their options before a project begins.

Not only do trees increase energy efficiency, but their presence blocks traffic sound and reduces stress. They're part of what makes Portland a desirable place to live, protecting the value of our properties and attracting and retaining talented workers that are helping our economy thrive. Clear-cutting a lot to allow for large single-family homes for a private developer's short-term profit is extremely short-sighted and encourages a housing market that is fragile during recessions.

Thank you for your time,

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