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Testimony to **Portland City Council** on the **Design Overlay Zone Amendments, Recommended Draft**

I am urging Portland City Council to accept SMILE's recommended design standards as soon as possible. I had the privilege to grow up in Sellwood have come to love it dearly, hoping to one day raise my own family there. However, the neighborhood is undergoing changes that are making it practically unrecognizable, which breaks my heart. The multitude of eyesore, ultramodern apartment buildings is tarnishing the atmosphere and personality of the Sellwood I have loved since my childhood. A few years ago, a massive, ultramodern apartment building was erected next door to my parent's house that I grew up in (1323 SE Spokane St.). Words cannot explain how dismayed I was to discover that I would be viewing this atrocity daily, constantly facing the reminder that the neighborhood I love so much is transforming for the worse. I encourage you, please stop the damage that has been done to our beautiful neighborhood now, and support the appropriate design standards proposed by SMILE.

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