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

I support the amendments to the extent they reduce regulation and development costs and apply objective, generally accepted standards of good design. Removal of the overlay in several residential neighborhoods seems to further these goals, as does the focus on larger projects. Please resist calls to impose design guidelines that are really just matters of personal preference and taste. Property owners should generally have flexibility and discretion to build what they want - both because they own the property and because architectural freedom will ultimately produce a more vibrant and interesting city than imposing an orthodoxy of subjective taste. Thank you for considering my comments.

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