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

Please see the attached letter from a coalition of 18 organizations: Portland: Neighbors Welcome, Housing Oregon, BRIDGE Housing, Carleton Hart Architecture, Catholic Charities of Oregon, Community Development Partners, Ethos Development, Innovative Housing Inc, HumanKind Homes, MWA Architects, Northwest Housing Alternatives, Oregon Smart Growth, Proud Ground, REACH Community Development, ROSE Community Development, SERA Design & Architecture, Inc., Sightline Institute and 1000 Friends of Oregon. "Permanently imposing a full downtown-style discretionary design process on mid-size apartment buildings across the city would be a bad idea for housing affordability, especially for projects that offer regulated affordability. Measures that could evolve into a design-by-neighborhood-association requirement would be even worse. We urge you to advance both housing affordability and appealing architectural design by putting these new objective design standards to work in almost all situations outside the central city."

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