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

Here's what I think is important when Portland's Main Street areas add new construction or make renovations:

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