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

Please vote yes to include the proposed amendment for ground floor active use in Arbor Lodge! It is the 25% ground floor active use requirement of the m-overlay that we really want. It is critical we see this change now before more spaces are lost. We will be adding 1000s of new residents in the next few years. Residential development just-off N Interstate in Arbor Lodge (e.g., N Greenwich, N Maryland, N Montana) is far outpacing housing development in surrounding neighborhoods with the m-overlay, and development on N Interstate in Arbor Lodge is happening without a requirement for ground floor active use (e.g., the ARLO apartments where the bowling alley used to be, the Zelkova apartments at N Dekum. This change will preserve places to walk to and support increased housing intended for car-less community members

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