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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! I live in Arbor Lodge and we have one of the highest rates of increasing housing density and I fully support that with the transit rich neighborhood we live in. In addition, we have among the lowest rates and property values in a close in neighborhood. We need a walkable neighborhood. To build economically diverse and deeply affordable housing in our neighborhood as has been done without ensuring people don't need cars to thrive and live well within that same neighborhood sets this neighborhood up for generations of missed opportunity. Please support the amendment for ground floor active use in Arbor Lodge and help ensure Arbor Lodge remains a highly desirable, economically diverse where true walkability and livability remains a priority. Developers have already demonstrated repeatedly in Arbor Lodge that they are not looking after the future of the neighborhood when they build housing to the ground floor on our major thorough fares. The city needs to prioritize a walkable, bikable, livable inner neighborhood.

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