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

Please vote yes to include proposed amendment #7 for ground floor active use in Arbor Lodge. As an architect with several projects completed, proposed and in permit review, I strongly agree that establishing and maintaining an active commercial street frontage for the entire length of Interstate is vital to the success of any one segment of the street. The apartment projects emerging in Arbor Lodge will depend on easy access to a vital commercial neighborhood. This is especially important because the RM zoning in Arbor Lodge requires density and encourages non-automobile use. But for this to be a practical reality, commercial amenities need to be very close to the residential developments. Further, as many development opportunities are on small 50x100 sites that can accommodate 19 units but where off-site parking is not possible, walkable distances to services is even more vital. For these reasons, please vote yes to include proposed amendment #7 for ground floor active use in Arbor Lodge.

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