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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 a resident of Arbor Lodge the past 6 years I fully support adding additional housing and density to the neighborhood and Interstate corridor. It was one of the things that excited me most about moving to the area and the potential for the area to be a vibrant, active and walkable area. It was a main driver for moving here and deciding to build an ADU on my own lot to further support the addition of a diverse, dense housing in the neighborhood. What we have seen happen is a net loss of active, commercial community spaces while adding 1000's of residential units, all while neighborhoods to the south and north of us have had active commercial spaces added. It has started to create a sense of a "dead zone" where residential buildings are there only to house individuals and providing no livability, walkability or energy at the street level. We have already lost out on a number of great opportunities to provide great community and commercial spaces on some of the largest lots we have in Arbor Lodge over the past few years relying solely on developers to provide what the community wants, it would be a tragedy to lose out on any more in such a small neighborhood that is densifying. Thank you.

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