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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! As Arbor Lodge continues to increase the number of multi-family housing units without parking or services, now is the time to think about the future of our community. If we want a city with walkable neighborhoods and less reliance on single-occupancy vehicles, we need to plan for that future now by establishing the zoning that will ensure it's a reality. We've seen this model work in other, more affluent areas of the city, and the residents of Arbor Lodge deserve the same opportunity to have a vibrant neighborhood with places to gather and businesses to walk to. Elected officials come and go, but the decisions you make now will affect this city for decades. Please make the right decision and vote yes to include the proposed amendment for ground floor active use in Arbor Lodge.

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