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To: Parks - Urban Forestry Commission; Planning Commission
Subject: Title 11 Amendments

I am writing in support of EXTENDING the City of Portland's Large Tree Amendment to Portland's Tree Code (Title 11). I've lived in Portland for over 30 years, both as a renter and home owner, from 122nd Ave on the East side in Mill Park, to SW Portland off of Barbur Blvd and can testify that trees, particularly LARGE trees, are incredibly effective in their cooling role in a neighborhood, as well as their aesthetic welcoming presence.

This crucial amendment, introduced in 2015 and modified in 2020, has played a vital role in preserving the city's largest trees and enhancing urban canopy cover. This initiative has led to increased preservation of significant trees during private development, with *little impact* to housing production. The Amendment has made possible the planting of more than 42,000 trees in priority neighborhoods citywide.

Sincerely,
Kylene Williams

"Large trees are essential to Portland's efforts to combat climate change and improve public health and has been instrumental in protecting these valuable natural resources."