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Esteemed committee:

We are at an inflection point in our city's history, where we have the opportunity to preserve, or ruin, part of what makes Portland such a unique and beautiful place. I am speaking of the views of Mt Hood from Vista Bridge and other locations in the city. I understand there is a debate regarding how high to allow buildings to go up. We **MUST** not relinquish our precious view of the mountain to satisfy the demands of developers! Already we have a monolith at the East end of the Burnside bridge, a dark brown wall that looms over the bridge and the river. We don't need more walls blocking our views to the East.

I don't abide by the jobs creation argument either--these are temporary jobs that will end once the building is complete. We have robust employment in the city so the jobs creation argument is specious.

Tourists come from all over the world to enjoy our special city. Major news outlets love to sign the praises of our glorious food, wine and vistas. Why on earth would we jeopardize this heritage for more high cost rental housing?

Please, take the long view (literally and figuratively). Be strategic in where and how high you allow buildings to go up.

And while you are at it, make it mandatory to put parking into these buildings! The streets are getting so clogged with parked cars I hesitate to go out to enjoy different neighborhoods because I can't find a place to park! Let alone the impact on the existing neighbors.

Your decisions effect everyone who lives in Portland and they will make permanent our glorious views of Mt Hood and the Cascades, or will permanently erase a big part of what makes our city so unique.

Please, take time, be thoughtful and make decisions on behalf of all.

Kind regards,

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