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**Subject:** Protection of Vista Bridge View Corridor

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RE: Protection of view corridor

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of keeping the current protection of the view corridor for the Vista Bridge and views of Mt. Hood. While it's understandable that the projected population of the city and the current housing shortage encourages the relaxation of some building restrictions, planners and decision-makers must balance that need with livability issues and maintenance of the very things that make our city attractive to tourists and citizens.

I am a long-time resident of Oregon who moved to Portland in 2014 to be closer to grandchildren, services and the attractions of the city. In Southern Oregon, where I lived previously, I was involved in land-use planning, including service on the Jackson County Planning Commission. I am well aware of the push-pull of land use ordinances versus development. In this case, I believe that there is a strong case to be made for maintaining the current protection of the Vista Bridge corridor and the views of Mt. Hood from the Rose Garden and other sites on the Westside because of their economic value in tourism dollars.

I advocate for balancing development with protection of the views. These views – which I love showing to the friends and relatives who visit us – are part of what makes Portland a treasure. Do we really want to become just another city of high-rises and concrete or do we want to be a place with trees and greenery and breath-taking views as well as tall buildings?

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