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Dear Mayor Wheeler:

I am a resident of Portland, and I volunteer for ***Portland's Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET)*** program.

I am emailing you today concerning the unreinforced masonry buildings (URMs) Council agenda item, scheduled as a Time Certain for June 13.

I urge Council to take action to require the seismic retrofits of these buildings before it is too late. The required standard must incorporate a level of retrofit that protects life safety, and wall-to-floor attachments must be included in the policy.

That said, I hope the solution that is reached will take into account how low-income people might be affected by rent hikes or potentially lose their own property due to these requirements. A solution should be comprehensive to address the many challenges Portland faces - both the potential of an earthquake as well as economic insecurity and access to housing for many of it's residents. I care about both.

Thank you for your consideration.  
**Amber Rowland**