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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

I am absolutely opposed to this bill. Allowing people to live on the street in unsanitary and unsafe conditions is completely inhumane. Furthermore, Portland is no longer a livable city and this bill will make it even more unlivable. This bill would promote the unsafe practice of tent camping, making life miserable for the housed AND the unhoused.

As noted in the press, many of us are leaving Portland (I am actually submitting this from Europe, so as to get away from unsafe Portland). If you amplify the unsanctioned camping problem further, you will lose your tax base and then you won't be able to provide ANY services.

Portland is in tremendous decline - your bill would be its death knell.