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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

I STRONGLY OPPOSE AND ASK YOU TO REJECT HB 3501.

Our once beautiful, family friendly, environmentally conscious, and livable cities have turned into cesspools of violent, drug-addled and mentally ill individuals, human feces, urine, discarded needles, and trash galore. This situation has destroyed the safety and livability of our cities and shared spaces and greatly diminished the property values of responsible taxpayers. It has destroyed our tourism and hospitality industries and has made us the laughing stock of the nation. HB 3501 does nothing to address the underlying issues of people living on the streets - it just codifies and exacerbates the problem by giving them 'special rights' at the cost of the rights of all other citizens.

This bill also violates ORS 164.805 - Offenses Against Property - Offensive Littering which states:

(1)A person commits the crime of offensive littering if the person creates an objectionable stench or degrades the beauty or appearance of property or detracts from the natural

cleanliness or safety of property by intentionally:

(a)Discarding or depositing any rubbish, trash, garbage, debris or other refuse upon the land of another without permission of the owner, or upon any public way or in or upon any

public transportation facility;

(b)Draining, or causing or permitting to be drained, sewage or the drainage from a cesspool, septic tank, recreational or camping vehicle waste holding tank or other contaminated

source, upon the land of another without permission of the owner, or upon any public way; or

(c)Permitting any rubbish, trash, garbage, debris or other refuse to be thrown from a vehicle that the person is operating. This subsection does not apply to a person operating a

vehicle transporting passengers for hire subject to regulation by the Department of Transportation or a person operating a school bus described under ORS 801.460 ("School bus).

(2)As used in this section:

(a)"Public transportation facility" has the meaning given that term in ORS 164.365 (Criminal mischief in the first degree).

(b)“Public way” includes, but is not limited to, roads, streets, alleys, lanes, trails, beaches, parks and all recreational facilities operated by the state, a county or a local municipality

for use by the general public.

(3)Offensive littering is a Class C misdemeanor. [1971 c.743 §283; 1975 c.344 §2; 1983 c.338 §897; 1985 c.420 §20; 2007 c.71 §52; 2015 c.138 §2]