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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

House Bill 3501 “privatizes” public spaces for those that declare they are allowed to stay without time limitations.

House Bill 3501 will prevent all citizens access to “public” spaces equally.

I oppose House Bill 3501 “Oregon Right to Rest Act”

I have seen sidewalks, streets, parks, green spaces and so on completely destroyed by “camping” or people “sheltering”

Trash and fecal matter everywhere, soil compaction, delicate plant and wildlife habitat destroyed. Public parking lots, streets and sidewalks covered in human waste.

From what I read; House Bill 3501 will create an all-out turf war over “public” space. Whoever claims a spot first, wins and can deny anyone else from access to the “public” space. Not only will public streets, sidewalks, and public transportation lots, be subject to unfettered human waste, but so will all of Oregon’s pristine and public nature areas. The Columbia Gorge, the beaches, forests, rivers, city and state parks. Carefully preserved “public” areas could be destroyed in a few days by “right to rest” HB 3501.

House Bill 3501 would allow camping along roads and highways which is currently illegal and dangerous.

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