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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in opposition to proposed Oregon House Bill 3501, the Right to Rest Act. The decriminalization of homeless camps and allowing them to sue for \$1000 for each incident would severely negatively affect the law-abiding citizens in Oregon. Protecting homeless people in this sense is reckless. I live near an often homeless inhabited part of Portland where I have experienced fires threatening my property, many incidents of shootings, children living in unsafe conditions, blatant public drug use and defecation, impassable public right of ways, damage to waterways and the environment, damage to properties, and theft, to name just a few. These conditions of allowing them to live like this is unsafe for all of us. It causes chronic stress on homeowners as we fear for our safety. I refuse to allow this to go on. Please reconsider passing this bill and perhaps look at protecting the rights and properties of home owners that all too often have to deal with the threatening encounters and mounds of garbage. The city already does nothing to solve this out-of-control issue. Why on earth would we exacerbate the problem by passing this thoughtless bill?

Thank you,
Libby Bush