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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

Greetings from NW Portland.

I can hardly believe what I read in the text of this proposed bill - HB 3501; it's an astonishingly bad idea.

For those of us who live in Portland and run small businesses (including our Guesthouse where we work hard to bring people to Portland to enjoy our city), this bill makes me furious. Given the frightening break-ins, the costly vandalism, and traumatizing assaults that we have suffered in our inner NW neighborhood, I felt like screaming when I read this bill.

We request you vote NO on this bill. (All of you...please!)

Leaving people to live on our streets is NOT HUMANE! The faux patina of caring is mere window dressing; this bill does not represent empathic action or sound thinking. The vast majority of the people in our immediate area living on the streets are drug addicts; we see it all the time when we walk in our neighborhood. These individuals must be forced into treatment. How about a bill making involuntary commitment easier?

These individuals will NEVER make a good decision about their lives until they're off the drugs. Any effort to enable their continued, miserable and dangerous existence on our streets is completely misguided and unacceptable.

Respectfully,

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