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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

I strongly oppose HB 3501. It will become nearly impossible to use our parks, trails, community spaces, etc. Our community has already seen a great influx of homeless camps and the trash that has come with it. Citizens have organized their own clean up events because the parks are covered in trash and needles and within just a couple days of cleanup the spots are back to littered with trash and encampments. It's not safe to take your children to the park when you're worried about finding needles or being harassed by people who "live" there. It's no longer safe to use our biggest walking/nature path (tickle creek trail) because of all the hidden camps in the trees and drug use. This bill does nothing to actually help the people who are living on the streets. All it does is enable them and makes it harder for the tax payers to use these areas that are supposed to be safe that they are paying for. This bill takes more rights away from the people who want to live in a safe, clean community.

In closing, and again, I am in STRONG opposition of HB3501 the "Right to Rest Act"