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On Behalf Of: Self
Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness
Measure: HB3501

I am stymied by certain legislators who believe this bill is the corrective action for the houseless and those who have a roof over their head whether through renting or home ownership.

These legislators while their heart may be in the right place, their logic is misplaced. I have compassion for those who are houseless and living in tents, however until they can get help through drug recovery and have an advocate for housing this will do nothing but create more homelessness and tent camping. Many places on the eastside have multiple tents that line side streets: garbage, needles, toxic waste adorn these residential streets. Fires are abundant. Residents are afraid to walk in their neighborhood, let alone let their children walk to the bus stop.

This bill only perpetrates tent camping instead of outreach to help people in need.

Please vote NO ON 3501.

Sincerely,
Patty Olson