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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

I oppose HB3501, the "Right to Rest" bill. It is very alarming to me that the committee and legislature want to turn our public parks where families and children go to play into camps for people experiencing homelessness. I agree that people experiencing homelessness need a place to rest but cities and counties need to create spaces for them to camp and get the services they need, not turn over our public playgrounds and parks where people go for recreation into camps for the homeless. I am especially alarmed about the \$1000 fine for harassing someone who is camping. I am certainly not in favor of harassment of anyone because of their housing status but I can see where this law could easily be abused and force law abiding tax paying citizens into situations of having to defend themselves from someone's perceived harassment.