

Submitter: [REDACTED]

On Behalf Of: Self

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

As a 30 year resident of Oregon, my husband and I oppose this bill. We have a public park directly behind our home. Children, including our grandchild, play here, women walk the park trail, families spend afternoons here with their children. We've had a significant amount of homeless/houseless transients attempting to camp on the hill directly behind our home in the past year. Each time we call the police, they have to go and clear them out, and then the park has to pick up the trash they leave behind. Legalizing homeless people's rights does not solve the problem, it exacerbates the problem.

We've worked over 40 years to afford our home. We paid a high price to live where we do. This bill would effectively endanger tax paying residents, who also have rights, as well as reduce the resale value of our home. In addition, if this bill passes, it's an open invitation to transients to move to our state and live off the hardworking, tax paying citizens of this state.

This issue needs to be addressed at the state level and not in the form of a bill that would put us at risk, and reduce the value of our home, and increase the hardworking citizen's tax liability, because someone is going to have to pay to for all those that don't/ can't or won't work. HB 3501 is NOT the solution to the problem.

Residents of [REDACTED] OR