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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

Houselessness is not a crime, however we are doing a disservice to everyone if we ignore the truth; the majority of houseless people face drug issues and/or mental issues. Allowing them to live on public property puts the general public in danger as we've seen time and time again, from drug-induced aggressive behavior, to an increase in theft and garbage. Not to mention the public hazard from urine and feces when public areas are used as human waste areas. From the description of HB 3501, it would include the use of parks which also puts our children directly in harms way.

I also believe HB 3501 is a disservice to our homeless population. We lack funding for an appropriate number of drug rehabilitation and mental facilities, which is what the majority of these people need. HB 3501 would place a 'band aid' on an increasingly dire situation and do nothing to solve the heart of the problem.

I oppose HB 3501 and ask you to please not allow it to pass. We need to find another way.