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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

Dear Committee Members

I was very disturbed to read that HB3501 has been introduced in the house. Homelessness is, absolutely, an issue – BUT – homeless policies in the Portland Metro area have followed this ‘Right to Rest’ policy for the past 10+ years (that I am aware of). We now have ~5000 people living in squalid conditions on the streets.

Our family are the tax payers who continue to pay for failed policies

- Homeless tax for housing that has not materialized
- RV camp that has been completed for months, but never opened
- Have you driven down 33rd Ave lately?

The best this committee can do is re-introduce a bill that was shot down in 2021?

Fix the mental health crisis – PLEASE

Codifying perpetual helplessness, poverty, crime, starvation, mental illness – is just stupid.

Regards