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Oregon House Of Representatives
Committee on Judiciary
Salem, Oregon

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Attention: Chair Janelle Bynum
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Re: HB 2367 – The Right To Rest

Honorable Committee,

We strongly support the Right to Rest Act (HB 2367) as it reflects Multnomah County Democratic values and ideas articulated in our 2020 Platform:

“We recognize that there is a housing crisis in our local communities and across the state.”¹

“We believe in the right of every person to rest, recreation, hygiene, sanitation, clean air, water, private shelter, and healthy food.”²

“We believe in the right of every person, household, and house of worship to privacy as long as no laws are broken.”³

¹ Article I. Basic Rights — Platform of the Multnomah County Democratic Party; LAI 1.

“<https://multdems.org/resources/platform-of-the-party/basic-rights/>”

² Article I. Basic Rights — Plank 4.

³ Article I. Basic Rights — Plank 2.

The Right to Rest Act, HB 2367:

Defines public place as different from public housing complexes and foresees public green space owners supplying hygiene facilities like toilets, showers, garbage, and security – just like the rest of us.

Extends the same privacy rights permanently housed people get offering resting people and their possessions protective security from unlawful seizure and destruction – just like the rest of us.

Allows our homeless neighbors freedom of movement in public places, to rest, eat, pray, and occupy legally parked vehicles without fear of harassment, citation, or arrest – just like the rest of us.

Allows legal defense and protection against civil and criminal charges that are subject to de facto discriminatory discretion of individual security personnel and law enforcement officers, thus allowing private lawyer advocacy for our homeless neighbors and legalizes their survival in our communities – just like the rest of us.

Declares our homeless neighbors are our neighbors who deserve privacy, dignity, and protection under the law – just like the rest of us.

Just like the rest of us.

Please give this bill a do pass and send it to the Legislature for enactment.

Sincerely yours,



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