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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

All,

Please do not consider passing this law.

There are other ways to support our houseless neighbors - this law is not productive nor supportive of unhoused and housed neighbors.

We currently have tent cities all over town, and combined with essentially legalized drug use due to 110, we sadly have numerous ill effects associated with these tent cities. To say otherwise is just not honest. Because someone opposes this bill does not mean they are not sympathetic to the plight of our houseless neighbors.

This bill would only allow the inhumane conditions associated with camping to continue - so with that said, please work to get our houseless neighbors into shelters and off of the streets. Housed residents also deserve to have the tent cities removed just like our houseless neighbors deserve to be in a shelter.

I am frankly astounded our Oregon legislature would even consider this bill considering the state of Portland and other cities. It feels sometimes that our legislators do not care about our housed residents - at that this bill highlights this.

Thank you.