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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

I strongly oppose House Bill 3501 because it does not address the root problem of homelessness in our state and offers no solutions. The state of Oregon already has the largest population of homelessness in the country. This measure would escalate the problem.

Section 3 (1)(b) allows the redirection of resources from our local law enforcement activities to fund activities to get to the root causes of homelessness. Our state government has money to address the root causes if they chose to do so. Our law enforcement agencies are already suffering because of Oregon's position of defunding our police, hence the crime in our cities.

House Bill 3501 is bad for our state, for our hard working and law abiding citizens, for our safety and the use of our tax dollars.

The public places are plentiful in our cities and towns; and House Bill 3501 would be a detriment to our quality of life.

Respectfully, Jeanne Wildman