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To the committee on Bill # 629:

The whole subject of Homelessness is complicated at best. No matter which side of the fence you are on.

For the last 34 years I and my family have founded and run a homeless shelter, transitional housing, Food Bank, clothing room, counseling, prayer & worship for the homeless & those in danger of becoming homeless.

In serving on several Boards, The Ten Year Plan & Heart, the goals have always been to re-establish the homeless back into the workforce, be in the community as a capable citizen of providing for themselves and those with them.

Public Parks, parking lots, public streets, store fronts, public restrooms will all now be access for the homeless to reside. This will inhibit the average person from going to the movies, grocery store, camping in the parks, etc.

Not withstanding the huge load created for the park employees, police, fire department, ambulances, sanitation crews, or other issues created as seen by the previous "Park" issue in Portland earlier.

Now to say that the hard working, money saving, putting their kids through college, buying a boat everyday tax payer must be intimidated by those of the homeless that always seem to cause trouble for everyone else is hard to understand.

So, in closing it is my sincere request that you dismiss this bill without any further ado.

Sincerely
George Raymond Matland Jr.

"THANK-YOU FOR HELPING US TO HELP OTHERS."