

To the Members of the Health Care Committee:

I am writing in strong support of SB 850, as a long-time advocate for the unsheltered, and as a private citizen of Salem Oregon. Our police department is strongly asking for more data to be able to keep staff, and community members, including those who are presently unsheltered, safe, and make delivery of services and resources more effective, collaborative and efficient. Acknowledging that an unsheltered person has died unsheltered adds basic humanity and dignity to what should have been a preventable death. Without data, we have found ourselves floundering to do those prevention things in many areas. We need to be able to make informed decisions and have more effective resources and services to end this situation, and to see how the present policies and procedures play out in real life.

Please support SB 850 .

Thank you for your consideration,

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