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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

To the House committee on Housing and Homelessness,

Please do not pass this act. Homeless people already camp on sidewalks, parks, under bridges, and other public places and no action is being taken against this even though it is illegal. Passing this act would only encourage this behavior while providing no permanent solutions in forms of low income housing for these people. I do not feel safe in areas where homeless people are camped all along the road. I am fearful of walking or running alone not only at night but also during the day since I do not know who is camping in these public places. While most of these people may just be down on their luck, I do not know if they may have mental illnesses, are on illegal drugs, or are dangerous. I have already been accosted by homeless people just while walking around downtown Portland during the day and I strongly would not like to be accosted again. Passing this act would only exacerbate the existing homeless problem and increase the state of fear I am in every time I am in public.

Please do not pass this act for the safety of the citizens of Portland and Oregon.