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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

Dear Legislators,

I strongly oppose the proposed bill. This bill will serve to enable homelessness and bring more problems to our communities.

Even today I do not feel safe walking in the streets and parks of Portland where tents, waste, and drug paraphernalia are often found. In 2022, I have been followed by an armed woman and witnessed a sexual act performed under a threadbare tarp on public property.

In addition, tents do not provide adequate shelter. They protect from the rain but do not insulate from heat or cold. They do not offer security, to either person or property. Proposals of this nature do not offer real solutions. They serve to shift the responsibility for individual situations, often unfortunate, to the community at large. I oppose this and similar proposals.

Thank you for your time.