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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

I am writing this in support of HB 3501. This bill will not only improve our communities but it will also improve the lives of everyone. Many people who speak in opposition only speak in stereotypes and bigotry against our unhoused communities in Oregon. However, these stereotypes only work to maintain a state of houselessness and keep people unsheltered. If people who are unsheltered are given a chance to seek dignity and given a chance to sleep or seek resources to become housed it will only serve to raise property values for all involved and inevitably lead to a lower number of the unsheltered across the state if they don't have to worry about constantly moving their few meager belongings or whether or not a business owner is going to come out and dump cold water on them or whether or not someone is going to call the police. And if they do call the police, whether or not they're going to be run off, assaulted or any number of other things.

I urge you to vote yes to approve HB 3501 and build for a better Oregon and consider letting our neighbors rest.