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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

To Our Legislators,

HB 3501 is paradoxical and ignorant to the core; yet another example of elected officials confusing tolerance for compassion. Isn't it convenient that endemic drug use and Measure 110 didn't crack the list of root causes for the current social crisis. This proposal sets forth a dangerous precedent for how our society utilizes and perceives public space. From obstructions and sanitation to health and safety risks, allowing the homeless population "the right to rest" in our collective public spaces is far too broad and unregulated. The stated mission of Portland Parks and Recreation is to provide safe places that promote personal wellness and livability, especially for kids. How well do you think HB3501 is supporting this mission? Will children be any the more safer with the passing of this bill? Are you content with perpetuating the assault on human dignity we see all around us? We will continue to see a lack of justice in dealing with the criminal living on the streets as well as a disregard for the tax-paying citizen who's interest is vested in the livability of the place they call home. Lying to people by telling them that they are ok is simply not ok. Representatives Chaichi and Pham would be wise to consider the words of the Proverb: "laziness brings in deep sleep, and the shiftless go hungry."