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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

VOTE NO ON HOUSE BILL 3501.

House Bill 3501 runs counter to everything the cities, counties and states publicly purport to be doing to solve the homelessness problems. Portland has allowed the homeless to block sidewalks for pedestrians and the disabled. Now the disabled community has sued the city for allowing camping on sidewalks blocking the disabled population from getting around. Why the federal Government has not made Portland to enforce the disabilities act is beyond us.

House Bill 3501 is going to give homeless law breakers a legal right to camp on public spaces. That is just crazy we cannot imagine why someone would come up with this bill. And then it provides homeless persons the right to pursue claims against anyone who seeks to remove that person from a public space this is insanity. Then it essentially provides protected class status to homeless campers camping on public property. HB 3501 elevates the rights of homeless persons above those of law-abiding citizens. HB 3501 encapsulates and legalizes all the bad attributes of homelessness and illegal camping while causing otherwise innocent persons to incur burdensome losses attributable to their misconduct, damage claims and attorney fees.

Vote "no" on HB 3501. The homeless camps, Derelict RV's and vehicle camps problem is out of hand in Portland and other cities. Multnomah County, Portland and their commissioners have allowed the homeless population to take over Portland streets and vacant areas. The garbage, stealing grocery shopping carts, high crime rate, defecating and used needles are horrible and terrifying. Portland looks like a third world City. Portland is so dysfunctional when it comes to enforcing laws and rules? Gresham and Clackamas County Cities where they don't allow homeless to take over their streets and vacant areas,

Just drive around in Portland and witness all the homeless camps, Derelict RVs, and vehicles that are taking over the sides of our streets? You will see what will happen if this HB 3501 gets voted in as Portland and Multnomah County have allowed homeless turn our beautiful city into a SHIT HOLE THIRD WORLD CITY.

Vote "no" on HB 3501.

Respectfully,

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