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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

This bill is irresponsible and would deny the citizens and taxpayers of Oregon their rights to both their own private property and public spaces such as parks, streets, and sidewalks. It would enable the privatization of public spaces by illegal campers and criminalize communities and neighborhoods who want to take action to protect their safety and prosperity. This bill would be a nail in the coffin for a state already struggling against a homelessness and public camping crisis. The vision for Oregon that HB 3501 represents is one in which our state is not a safe and prosperous place to live, work, raise children, run a business, or own property, but a state where individuals are enabled and encouraged to appropriate public spaces for themselves in order to live in abject miserable conditions while citizens who attempt to take basic civil-social action against dangerous and inhumane public camping are criminalized.