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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

Hello,

I wanted to share my thoughts on this bill. I do not think this is a good idea. It does not help anyone experiencing homelessness move forward and it makes this crisis in our state stand still. Citizens pay huge amounts of taxes to keep our sidewalks clear, our parks open and safe. Business owners need help in keeping their businesses safe and profitable. The illegal camping being seen all over Oregon and in our cities is making our state unattractive and uninhabitable. It is demoralizing to witness humans being reduced to such a horrible standard of living. We can do better but not if we make what is happening now even easier for the people in that environment. We need to do something better, not stay the same.

Do not pass this bill. Focus instead on getting people into sanctioned camps, affordable housing and services to get everyone out of the camping cycle. Don't make this way of living easier, create something better.