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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

Portland is in crisis. This measure would further send the city into a spiral.

We are letting the lowest functioning members of our community (and other communities, as many or most of these people are not even from Oregon) destroy our city. I have chosen not to reside in Portland because of this. High-income earners and businesses are leaving the city in droves. This measure will only increase this.

Please note that the homeless function like very small children. I've raised small children. I loved them and took care of them but often had to deliver tough love so they could grow into productive adults. Had I let my kids dominate my house at 3 or 4 years old, my house would have looked like downtown Portland, only swapping drug paraphernalia for sugar. You are not helping the homeless drug addicts with this measure, not for more than a night anyway. And you are causing great harm to your non homeless, non drug using constituents.

I beg you, please do not pass this bill.