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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

I oppose this bill. How does legalizing camping attract business and people to the city to engage in commerce? How do businesses attract customers when their storefronts are next to encampments and they have little or no recourse? How does this solve the drug, mental health and homeless problems in Portland and the surrounding areas? In my opinion this the focus should be on policies that facilitate a vibrant economy, supports businesses and attracts consumers, this includes safer public spaces. The bill does the opposite of that by legalizing a large part of the problem.