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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: HB3501

By definition, urban density does not support overnight, extended, erratic camping “cherry picked” in the city’s public spaces attentively maintained for designated uses, (piazzas, sidewalks, streets, parking, green buffer areas, parks etc.)

Post pandemic --after tents, trailers, vans were almost cleaned-up by the city-- HB 3501 appears as an irresponsible aberration replaying an old situation as a “solution.” This irrational bill violates almost all the basic needs of taxed Portlanders. It tramples on our needs for sanitation, health, safety, public access (daily as well as in emergencies), pollution control, stability, respect for rules & laws to allow all able citizens to peacefully contribute to our society, raise families, etc. We urge you to repeal HB 3501 and any other similar attempts that would plague to destruction any city that truly works!

P.S.

For viable solutions please collaborate with best city planners to locate and designate land at the PERIPHERY of Portland for building a variety of shelters, treatment facilities for those disenfranchised, to triage, rehab, treat, help them redress. And then reach out to faculty and students in architecture & engineering to engage them in designing the new facilities, villages as part of their learning/ practice. Develop and organize these sheltering sites with integrated, autonomous solutions in mind, without disrupting established neighborhood communities, services, businesses and their valuable contributions that support all.