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On Behalf Of: Self
Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness
Measure: HB3501

Chair Dexter and Members of the Committee:

I support passage of this bill. It simply codifies what courts have held with regard to the rights of the houseless to "rest" in areas in which others in society are allowed to do. It doesn't codify illegal camping. And it does offer penalties for discriminating against a houseless person or harassing them. This bill offers the houseless the same rights that those of us who are lucky enough to be housed have.

Until such time as we in Oregon are able to provide ALL with housing, we need to pass this measure to make it clear what courts have already made clear - the houseless have rights (albeit limited) to public property and to their own possessions.

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