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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

There is no way I can support HB 3501. PPD cleared a homeless area on October 19, 2022 and there was tons of trash, more than 150 stolen cars, and the property itself was left with shocking damage. This issue is out of control. Federal data shows an increase of 22.5 percent homeless since 2020 with a count of 14,655 people. Imagine having 14,655 people setting their campsites up throughout the area; bringing the above-mentioned issues as well as others. Designated camping with attendants/bathroom facilities/counseling providing the help they need is the only way to go. Use the Metro Homeless Fund Measure we fund or perhaps the money from the \$200 million housing package passed by the legislature and signed by the governor late last month. Otherwise, current issues/problems will be dispersed everywhere with no regard for the rest of us using the public spaces we pay taxes to maintain.