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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

My name is Emerald, I am a labor leader and union organizer from South Dakota. I support this bill as it gives equal citizenship for all Americans in Oregon, regardless of income. No American should have to fear for their freedom because they cannot afford a home. This bill will take energy and resources away from hurting the unhoused and properly redirect it towards helping them. Many in opposition to this bill state that unhoused individuals will flock to Oregon, but that is not the case. If one cannot afford a house, how can one afford travel across the United States? This bill does not encourage people to sell their houses and live on public land in tents, it simply allows for the unhoused to freely survive and gives them economic opportunities.