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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

I am writing to express my opposition to Oregon House Bill 3501, which relates to the rights of persons experiencing homelessness. While I fully support the need to protect the rights and dignity of homeless individuals, I believe that this bill will have significant negative impacts on the community as a whole.

One of the main concerns I have with this bill is the potential decline in public spaces for use by the general public. Allowing homeless individuals to reside in public spaces indefinitely will limit the ability of other members of the community to enjoy these spaces. This is especially concerning given that many public spaces are already limited in size and availability.

Additionally, I am concerned about the potential decline in adjacent property values that may result from the passage of this bill. Homelessness is often associated with crime and drug use, which could have a negative impact on property values in areas where homeless individuals are allowed to reside.

Finally, I am concerned about the safety of children who may utilize public spaces that are allowed by this bill for homeless residence. Homeless encampments may pose a safety risk to children who use these spaces, particularly if the individuals residing in these encampments have a history of criminal behavior or drug use.

In conclusion, while I fully support efforts to protect the rights and dignity of homeless individuals, I believe that Oregon House Bill 3501 is not the right solution. The negative impacts on public spaces, property values, and the safety of children are too significant to ignore. I urge you to vote against this bill and to work towards alternative solutions that better balance the needs of homeless individuals with the needs of the community as a whole.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,