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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3644

Testimony in opposition for HB3644

I am opposed to providing a permanent budget for Homelessness in Oregon's budget. The Governor has been promising how she is going to resolve the problem of homelessness in Oregon however since the state has been funding NGOs the problem has only gotten worse. On the streets of Portland, officials remove the tents and garbage, then these miserable NGOs pass out tents and drug paraphernalia the same day. The funding primarily goes to salaries of the individuals who work in these non-profits. You don't get rid of the problem by supporting the lifestyle of these people. You also attract more people from other geographic areas around the country, just like the failed drug decriminalization law did. This bill only reveals that the Governor's plan only intends to make homelessness a permanent problem in Oregon. I oppose this bill.