

Hello Chair Bynum and the committee, my name is Danielle Maillard and I am an organizer with Sunrise Movement PDX, a youth climate justice organization. I am testifying today in full support of HB 2367. To be completely candid, it's wild to me that it's even a question as to whether or not this bill should pass. As a society, we have allowed ourselves to so deeply polarize the housed and the unhoused. What truly shocks me is the juxtaposition of our obsession with privacy and security measures for the housed, and an indifference to the privacy and security rights of our unhoused neighbors. We have normalized locks, Ring doorbells, and Alexas that notify a homeowner of the smallest movement on their property. And we have also normalized "sweeps" that fundamentally threaten privacy and dignity.

We can't continue to accept this reality. Even before the pandemic, 40% of Americans were one missed paycheck away from poverty. And right now, we are 78 days away from an eviction moratorium. We will soon see a mass amount of people on the streets, simply trying to exist. And what's insane is that, because there is currently not a bill like HB 2367 and because we have a system of law enforcement that makes rehabilitation tactically impossible, people get cited and arrested for not having a home and then they can't get a home because they have a citation or arrest record. I am urging you to use your position of power today to disrupt this vicious cycle and take a stand for the future of Oregonians.

We are playing a dangerous game if we can't even pass a bill that lets people exist in public spaces when they literally do not have anywhere else to go. I want to thank Rep Campos, Rep Grayber, Rep Pham, Rep Valderrama and Rep Dexter for being the leaders we need in bringing this bill forward and I hope that you, Chair Bynum and the committee respect their lived experiences and their hard work in supporting this bill.