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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

This is a short-sighted act that does not treat the root cause of the problem. Houseless people already have the ability to camp, build structures, excavate shelters, and wander freely without punishment. These activities often destroy spaces and leave them littered with garbage, feces buckets, and needles. I am not exaggerating. I have personally cleaned up many of these spaces without help from the city, county, or state. I have spoken with houseless people, donated food and clothing, and this is not the help they are looking for. They need safe shelter, mental health services, and a community that cares about helping its citizens. I strongly oppose HB3501 and urge my representatives to find real solutions to this social emergency.