

Submitter: Derek Becker

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

Members of the Committee,

Those experiencing homelessness are NOT entitled to more or special rights. Business owners have to comply with many rules and regulations to operate their businesses but the homeless, under this bill, would be free to block the sidewalk or entrance to their businesses. Disabled people will not be able to use the sidewalks because the homeless will be ENTITLED to pitch their tents and block the sidewalks. Like it or not, admit it or not, the homeless problem in Oregon is, in large part, perpetuated by the non-enforcement of laws, the legalization of drugs and huge amounts of money given to organizations that are not held to any metric of success. Additionally, Governor Kotek want to spend an additional 1.3 billion on the homeless. That means more than 86,000 per homeless person, given the number of homeless, in Oregon, is around 15,000.

Now, HB 3501 would give the homeless special rights and that is an abomination.

Vote NO on HB 3501.