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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: HB3501

I oppose HB3501. I live in the Eliot neighborhood and work downtown. The homeless individuals who establish themselves in my neighborhood have caused increases in crime, theft, drugs, prostitution, trash and biohazards, loose dogs, auto/bike part chop shops, and harassed me and my neighbors for years. They take over entire blocks of sidewalk and street parking and harass the housed individuals in the neighborhood. They're already so emboldened to set up entrenched, sprawling encampments that degrade the neighborhood. It's ridiculous to imagine being sued by the meth addict running a drug market across the street from the community center or library in my neighborhood.

The City and County need to focus on getting these unhoused individuals off the street and balancing their needs and rights with those of housed individuals.