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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: HB3501

Homeless people make my girlfriend feel unsafe on an almost daily basis as she lives and walks through Portland. She has been catcalled, seen open drug use, witnessed someone die from an overdose, walks through unsanitary urine, feces, and vomit. She feels trapped in her own home, in the sense that she won't go out at night for fear for her own life. She experiences meaningful stress, unhappiness, and fear being exposed to such depravity.

HB3501 is a betrayal of people - especially women - who rely on government to ethically use force to protect the innocent. It would not help the homeless, but rather enable them. It would harm the economy, the morale, and the confidence of the city and all of Oregon.

I personally have had conversations with multiple people who said this bill is the "last straw." If it is passed, they will move from the state in an effective "no confidence" vote-of-the-feet. Is that what it must take to make ourselves heard? Leaving our homes and the state we love and once safely enjoyed?