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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

Please oppose HB 3501 which would allow tent cities and homeless camping to be permanently and forever legal in cities across Oregon. This is terrible public policy and exactly the opposite direction Oregon needs to be going in terms of ending unsheltered homelessness. It demonstrates a flawed and misguided approach to homeless policy in Oregon. We need to be ending inhumane, dangerous public camping – not enabling it. As a long-time Portland resident, I've seen the city decline as public spaces are dominated by people in crisis. Campfires burning next to propane tanks, enormous amounts of waste, and used needles, are just some examples of the unchecked dangers this lawlessness creates. You should be doing everything you can to reduce homeless camping in Oregon.

Please oppose HB 3501 – it is bad for Oregon.