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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: HB3501

I am a native of Portland, Oregon that has lived here my entire 53 years. I love this place like no other location on Earth. I am a liberal leaning moderate in terms of my politics. This bill is misguided in my opinion. We need to have rules here. People cannot be allowed to camp wherever they feel like, often times doing drugs and other petty crimes right out in the open. Portland has become a dangerous place, something it has never been in my lifetime. Additionally, I make my living working on the crew of the many films and television shows that used to shoot here. No one wants to film Portland anymore because the homeless camps and untreated mental illness contained therein. It is actually dangerous for our employees. When the homeless problem starts affecting my income, I take it personally. This bill will undoubtedly make things worse, not better. Pass it and we will encourage even more junkies and anarchists to come here and live off the taxpayers (me). I never thought I would want to leave this place where I was born and love but I have been seriously considering lately. Stop passing laws that enable criminal behavior in our city and state please! We need consequences for bad behavior not laws that enable bad behavior.