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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

I am writing this today to express my complete opposition to HB 3501. I believe that while the aim of the bill is to give aid and comfort to homeless people through affirming that they have certain rights, the bill's result will be potentially negating the rights of everyone else. The fact that someone can legally reside in the street in front of my house for any length of time they choose without any regard to my rights is the pinnacle of stupidity and unfairness.

And the name of the bill is just a bait and switch. Right to rest is a total lie. It should be called the "Homeless are More Important Than Everyone Else Act".

The legislature should be working to solve the problems that cause homelessness, not give homeless people license to act and live as they please in front of someone's home or business. This is a poorly conceived bill that I am sure will come back to bite the people of this state if it is enacted. You guys can do whatever you want in the god-forsaken cities of Portland or Salem or Eugene, but keep your dumb ideas out of my city.

VOTE NO on HB3501. Fix the problem, don't put a bandage on it!!!