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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

I oppose this bill, and urge lawmakers to vote NO. It withholds property owners from having the right to the peaceful enjoyment and use of their own property. This is a TAKING by the government and I doubt the State of Oregon has a funding provision approved and attached to this bill. The government does not have the right to take my property for public use. This does not protect the health and safety of the 99.999% of us that are not homeless. It does not allow and would overturn all of the local and state ordinances as they relate to ADA Access in public right of ways, and safe paths for school-aged children. I don't want my 5 year old to have to cross the street at a non-cross walk to avoid seeing a grown up sleeping, doing drugs, screaming at no one, or defecating/urinating in a public space. I encounter ALL of those things currently when walking in the public right of way near my office in NW Portland near Couch Park. I have had bottles thrown at me, I have been called very inappropriate names, I have witnessed overdoses and people dying on the streets. I urge lawmakers to come up with real plans to enforce the laws we have on the books, and try harder for a realistic solution. Offer case management and match those in crisis with loved ones that can care for them.