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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

As a Portland resident and Oregon Taxpayer, I strongly oppose this measure. I already feel unsafe in many public spaces in Portland given the rampant crime committed by some homeless, I've personally been verbally threatened on two separate occasions by clearly mentally unstable homeless individuals. This measure is taking away public spaces in Oregon from productive members of society in favor of the drug addicts and mentally ill among the homeless. This measure will mean I can't take my 7 month old son to the park for fear of his safety.

Oregon needs to solve the homeless issue but this is the wrong way. Portland and Oregon are falling behind in the COVID recovery because of the complete inability to solve this issue. Without any sort of sweeps I see Portland falling apart with continued lower tourism and business closures.