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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

I strongly oppose HB3501. I understand that the homeless situation in Oregon is desperate and requires some compassion but the structure of this bill does not reflect the opinions of the majority of Oregon residents. This bill is to satisfy a desire of a few while disregarding the will of the majority. This bill does not address the homeless crisis, it will inflame it, by granting an increased negative impact to public health, safety and environmental pollution to our endangered streams and rivers. No 'general public' place should be held hostage by the rights of a few. No one I know will go to the public library anymore or walk along Bear Creek pathways due to the homeless situation. I know a homeless person who has a drug addiction. He has had many opportunities for assistance and access to available resources and housing but chooses to be homeless. This bill will entitle him to have a private place to do his drugs.