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On Behalf Of:

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I oppose the proposed bill. Many houseless individuals are good neighbors but some, undeniably, are not. I submit that the proposed bill would tie up governmental resources and unreasonably interfere with the ability of authorities to address issues created by the houseless individuals who are not good neighbors. Some Oregon residents feel like prisoners in their homes. The rights of both the housed and the unhoused must be considered and protected. This bill would expand protections for all houseless individuals, including those who refuse to respect the rights and needs of housed neighbors. Some of these housed neighbors already feel powerless and victimized by conditions caused by these problematic few. The rights of unhoused individuals are adequately protected and defined by the State and US Constitutions and by interpretative case law. The proposed bill will unnecessarily create confusion, uncertainty and inaction.