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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

As a homeowner and member of the working community in Portland, I strongly oppose this bill. We have nearly lost our city to the rampant drug, lack of mental health support and in effect homeless problem. This city no longer feels like the safe haven it once was (no that long ago) and if this is passed, it will further deteriorate and erode our trust in the city and governmental officials. It will drive more major and small retailers out of town and there will be nothing left. We pay record taxes and our local government has a record-high budget, yet we cannot walk our streets safely, take our children to the park, or frequent local businesses without the risk of being assaulted, or worse. Portland residents are reaching their limit. I oppose this bill.