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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

Dear Oregon State Legislature and House Committee on Housing and Homeless:
I am writing you to urge you to vote against HB 3501. Giving some residents \$1000 per month is not a good strategy to deal with homelessness. Handouts such as this only creates more expectations for entitlements, and doesn't empower our citizens, who are homeless to rehabilitate, and become contributing members of society again. For those using drugs, there is a high risk this money will feed drug addiction. The chronically mentally ill, need treatment and evaluation, not a handout. For those who are homeless due to bad luck for whatever reason, you will not empower these people to improve their lives, but only enable their dependence on handouts. Free money will only attract more homeless people into Oregon. As it is, Oregon is known to be a "good place to be homeless," according to one person's story in our local newspaper. It is easy to get free meals, not suffer consequences for drug possession, and she can get "high" all day. Don't do this to our state with another bad policy coming out of Salem. When another bad bill made the consequences for drug possession weaker, it has only increased the drug problems in our state. Please use common sense! HB 3501 is a bad bill for our state. Put the money in to addiction treatment centers, behavioral health care centers, and government housing before you just hand out money and then have no idea how it will be spent by those receiving it.