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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

The idea that this bill is on the table for a vote is unimaginable. How does a bill like this get introduced? The city of Portland and our state's reputation has been quickly destroyed by not addressing these issues over the last two years. Businesses are moving out in droves, tourism is at a deep low, and crime is skyrocketing in the city of Portland due to policies like this. There are a lot of cities and states that have been very successful in addressing homelessness. Why are we not looking to the successful states to find a model that works, then applying that model to our own city/state? Instead, we are considering a bill that allows the unhoused to trespass and rest in front of tax-paying residences and businesses. This will lead to a mass exodus of the people of this city. I strongly oppose this bill and hope that this conversation is off the table for good. You should take the money that we have given in taxes to solve this issue. Use large pieces of city land and build structures to house the houseless and have facilities where these folks can get the care and the help they need, not in front of businesses or on residential streets. This is a careless bill and the folks that put it on the ballot should be removed from decision-making for our city. You do not represent us.