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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

To the Oregon State Legislature:

The homelessness problem has largely been created by legalization of drugs and has been further incentivized by irresponsible handouts by both the federal government and the State of Oregon. Having already created this mess, do you now propose to further incentivize it by eliminating what few checks on the problem remain? Such foolishness!

Vagrancy used to be a crime, and laws against it strictly enforced. If you do this and incarcerate those with drug problems long enough for them to kick their habits, you will go a long way toward solving the problem. This measure will make a bad situation incalculably worse. I urge a no vote on this measure.