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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

Hello,

I am writing to strongly oppose the Right to Rest bill and in fact, cannot imagine why any lawmaker would consider proposing such a bill at this time. Oregon, especially Portland, but across the state is in crisis because of the sheer number of houseless residents within our region.

I am a property owner in Portland and in Tillamook county and because of the lack of action on the houseless crisis both communities have lost appeal and livability is greatly impacted. This MUST shift towards the benefit of home and business owners, not homeless individuals.

What the legislature should be focused on is changing commitment laws and providing long term treatment and support to those living in homelessness and with addiction and mental health issues.

Allowing people to set up camp (rest) anywhere they chose is not helping them, it is enabling our community to treat such individuals inhumanly and does nothing to really help them.

Please do NOT continue to write, engage or support any bills that allow living on the streets. This is inhumane and time wasted when we should be working harder to get people off the street, into treatment, and provide long term support.

Thank you,

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