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On Behalf Of: Self

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

I oppose HB 3501.

HB 3501 is a bill that will further make the homelessness problem worse. The law makes it more difficult for law enforcement to remove criminal elements from an area. In our place of work we have homeless (lawless) camps across the street. Despite having numerous cameras we have regular theft of business property and employee vehicle catalytic converters. Last week we had two women assaulted by homeless individuals when returning to their cars. The currently unenforced laws of occupying public spaces has given these criminals a nest from which to strike out against productive members of society.

The law removes the ability for law abiding citizens to utilize public space. Our families are harmed by the take over of formerly safe public parks. Neighborhoods are no longer safe to walk in or drive at night. Just this week my neighbor had his car stolen by gun point for him when he pulled over to take a phone call. Property values are drastically harmed by the uncontrolled homeless (criminal) element that has been allowed to seep into our communities.

I have spent my entire life in the Pacific Northwest and it pains me to see how poor government leadership and lack of crime enforcement has damaged our communities.

Vote "no" on HB 3501.

Respectfully,

Erik Linvog