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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

I am strongly opposed to HB3501. I live in the central city area in NW Hills near Pittock and am horrified with the numbers of unhoused people I see living on the street, most with severe mental illness that is untreated. I have learned it's safer to shop in Beaverton for all my groceries and household items than to brave the Fred Meyer or Safeway downtown. It's a dystopian nightmare and not uncommon for me to see someone completely naked walking down W. Burnside screaming and stopping cars in the middle of the street. The open drug use and Hazmat situation around the encampments that exist everywhere downtown robs us all of being able to enjoy the city--not to mention the major businesses that have left and have plans to leave. It is outrageous the amount of money being spent to NOT provide housing to the unhoused--just sweep the encampments so they move to some other street. Most of the unhoused I have spoken with want housing and need supportive services in order to maintain that housing if it ever materializes. This bill is an insult to all of us living here in Portland. If these human beings were stray dogs, they would be rescued, given a bath and bed in a forever home and taken to the vet for medical care. The unhoused are human beings and what you are proposing is inhumane. No more camping in Portland. Full stop. This is out-of-control situation is destroying the city and it is not sustainable.

Regards,

Dr. Kim Hanna