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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

I am writing this in opposing the HB 3501. Homelessness has been plaguing Portland and many areas in Oregon

Homelessness crisis cannot be solved by this measure. It has to be solved from the root of the issue: ways to reduce housing prices, increase affordable housing projects to short-term shelter solutions, treat mental health, and CRIMINALIZE DRUG USE .

As recent events have shown, there have been violence, gunfire, unhealthy conditions, fires in many homeless encampment areas, one of which was the area between 122nd ave and Siskiyou street in Portland - near my house- where the homeless was allowed to gather a year ago. I cannot emphasize this enough. Creating campgrounds throughout Portland creates health and safety risks. HB 3501 gives the illusion of providing a solution, while diverting attention and resources from the necessary long-term solutions that would provide safe, warm, and habitable shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness.

I am totally against street camping as it has been a safety issue for many.

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