

Submitter: Terri Wangle

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

I am writing to oppose House Bill 3501. In short, in college, my classmates and I visited Dignity Village in Portland. This encampment in Portland during the 2000s received endless praise for its “compassionate stance toward the homeless” – but – walking through the grime and filth that day, I recall thinking, “Are people insane? This is not love. This is not compassion. This is hate and cruelty.” The encampment was held together by tarps, garbage, dirt, and “structures.” People looked unwell and sick. People acted off, on drugs. House Bill 3501 is the same type of delusional hatred that makes people with homes and money think well of themselves while others die on the streets. Support of House Bill 3501 is cruel to those who need help and cruel to those who work hard to maintain public spaces and their homes. House Bill 3501 is an obfuscation of your oath of office. Shame on you. Remove House Bill 3501 must be permanently removed from consideration.