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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

Please, reject this measure that would perpetuate a Portland that has become unwelcoming, unsafe and unsightly for the vast majority of its residents. While creating safe places for homeless residents is a priority, that should not outweigh the thousands of other residents who call Portland home. I remember long afternoons in the park blocks as a kid, playing at the library and loving the big, exciting city. Now, as a mom, I can't even walk on certain streets because tents have taken over the entire space. How is it fair for two or three people to be able to block access on a street or in a park so that thousands of others can't walk or play there? Please, let's let Portland be a wonderful place to live for the vast, vast majority, and find safe, healthy and clean spaces for those experiencing homelessness.