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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

I am very much against HB 3501. As a resident in Portland I see that the problem is getting worse, and this bill only perpetuates the problem. It does nothing to improve public safety and encourages people to continue building encampments in public places. How many more businesses need to leave downtown Portland due to crime and homelessness. Encampments outside places of business have more rights than the businesses and property owners. Why is it that they have the right to build camps in public places creating an environment in which employees fear leaving their place of business or homeowners cannot enjoy their private property because the sidewalk in front of their home is considered public property. How are you ensuring public safety? Where is the accountability and assurance that the \$1,000 given to the individual will be used for rent. Where can they rent a place for \$1,000, that is part of the problem. This is not the solution. Please do not pass this bill.