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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

I oppose HB3501, which, if passed, will only magnify the homeless population in Oregon. Businesses, homeowners and tourists have already fled in droves from our beautiful state because of these types of policies which continue to trash our streets and encroach on our properties and privacy. This is not the way to support the economy and help get homeless people off the streets, which should be the goal. Many people who live in the tents on the sides of the freeways and city roads are able bodied and able minded. They choose to live that way because it's been made easy for them. If people want to live in a tent, they can do so on their own property, not disturbing the public. If they are truly suffering and in need of help to recover from addiction or mental illness or whatever is keeping them from being a contributing member of society, then they must be directed to those services and programs which will help them do that and not be allowed to continue to occupy public spaces, leaving trash, human waste and drug paraphernalia in their wake. What another ridiculous bill from a ridiculous legislature.