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On Behalf Of: Citizens of Portland
Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness
Measure: HB3501

I am a 28-year resident of Portland, OR and I have watched our city deteriorate over recent years with anger and sadness. I strongly believe that Right to Rest HB3501 is a disastrous idea that will only further erode the safety and livability of our city for most of its residents. I am shocked that this bill is being forwarded at this time as we work to remove homeless encampments from our streets and neighborhoods. I also do not think it is a good idea for people experiencing homelessness as it will further enable people with drug addictions and will not help people experiencing mental illness. Meanwhile, our property taxes and other taxes continue to rise as we shell out billions that do not solve this issue. HB 3501 would only perpetuate this vicious cycle as it would penalize housed citizens, and encourage people to move to Portland to set up camp as they can do so anywhere with no consequences. I will vote against anyone who supports this bill or one like it.