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On Behalf Of:

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HB 3644 fails to address the root causes of chronic homelessness by neglecting essential mental health and addiction treatment services. Too often, funding is directed toward “easy cases,” leaving our most vulnerable citizens without the support they need.

Medford’s CHOP program offers a proven, integrated model that connects individuals directly with treatment services, significantly reducing homeless encampments. I urge you to consider a statewide approach that adopts such comprehensive strategies and includes strong accountability measures to ensure taxpayer dollars are used effectively.