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Chair and Committee Members,

I am Michael Angeli, a business owner / community advocate - active in all aspects of revitalization and community support in Klamath Falls. I SUPPORT SB 1514.

We are a rural community which is a hub for transportation to the west coast, being centrally located. This has lent us to becoming a layover spot for many as they are pushed out of larger metropolitan areas. We have a finite set of resources in our region that are adequate for most of the existing population due to the tenacity and resourcefulness of the residents. This has been pushed to the brink of failure due to the large influx of migrating houseless populations into our area. I have personally observed, spoken to and been victimized on numerous occasions by a large contingent of criminal elements embedded in this population.

We, as a community, had been forward thinking in finding answers to this growing struggle, having seen it hit more urban areas earlier. Many of the safeguards put in place were disabled by the legislation that SB 1514 addresses. We now suffer the consequences of the rigidity, lack of forethought and paralyzation created by it. The atmosphere created by legislation that was cookie cutter does not address the needs of communities throughout the state.

This bill will give us a moment to evaluate the grave mistakes made and the wisdom to hopefully allow us as a state to find better answers to populations at risk instead of allowing healthy ones to be cannibalized, causing irreparable damage. There are efforts that have the momentum to become effective. Remove this blockade from rational approaches and allow us to thrive, not wither.

I have years of experiences that show the threats and degradation brought upon us by the implementation of the legislation that this bill addresses. Please not only consider but move forward by implementing the needs of SB 1514 before the point of no return.

Respectfully,

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