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Measure: HB3501

NO to HB 3501

Businesses in the state are already suffering with the enabling policies coming down from Salem regarding the lax, acceptance of unacceptable behavior from the homeless in this state. In the town I reside in, business owners are stating that the destruction and damage caused by this group of people have been exasperated recently. Business owners have said that in one month, their storefront windows have been broken 4 times in one month. There are needles and feces around their business. One restaurant owner reported that a homeless person "pleasured" himself in front of his customers who were trying to enjoy dinner.

The police in my town have said that their hands are tied by the government. They reported that the drug use and crime are escalating. More homeless are coming to our state.

These laws are providing a mecca for the homeless to come to Oregon. The 'humanitarian' policies supported by the government does not really help these people. These policies are not humanitarian at all. They do nothing to help the homeless but only enable and exacerbate the problems. Unfortunately, law abiding responsible citizens are paying the price for these ridiculous policies.

I support the idea of helping someone who wants help. But if someone chooses and wants to continue to live in a way that is harmful and disrespectful to law abiding, responsible citizens, we should not reward that type of behavior by enabling it. Unfortunately, I do not see the answer to help someone who does not want help. But this Bill is not the answer. You cannot allow people who have addiction or mental health issue to continue in this fashion. Vote No on HB 3501.