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On Behalf Of: Myself and Oregon Taxpayers
Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development
Measure: SB603

Dear Senate Committee On Housing and Development,
I oppose SB 603. This does not address or help the root cause of homelessness or rent burdened people. It promises to make the problem worse. A large percentage of the homeless population have come to this state for its disastrous drug laws and the legislatures continual efforts to decriminalize crime, of every kind.

The "housing crisis" in Josephine county is a direct result of Drug Cartels, Drug Lords and Speculation in Marijuana Businesses that pay many times the value of properties for their illicit "businesses". This has gobbled up would be available properties from sales, leases and rentals while falsely inflating values, property taxes and rent. This is not a conspiracy theory, it is available in public record.

People are pouring into the state as Oregon has become the Nations attractive nuisance for every indigent person in the Country. The open use of drugs, free "camping"/squatting on public right of ways and public parks, taxpayer funded drug paraphernalia such as needles, free medical care, free food and cash assistance for anyone no matter how able bodied has proven to be an excellent attractant but dismal failures for addressing problems. Now, in addition to the aforementioned, the idea is to shovel massive amounts of taxpayer dollars at the rate of One Thousand dollars per person per month for twelve months. If passed this mistake will cause a larger influx of need as more people come here to make a claim.

SB 603 might be more palatable to some people if there was an ironclad guarantee that every recipient would become a hardworking, taxpaying member of society, but this is not the case. Instead, this is a states version of President Obama's redistribution of wealth program.

With enormous government caused inflation and giant increases in costs for food, gas, electricity, communication, insurance,etc., the last thing people need is more taxes for handouts. Anyone that thinks this is a good idea should make sure it is referred to the electorate for consent.

SB 603 will create problems and solve nothing. Each of you have a fiduciary responsibility to your constituents and I ask that you reject SB 603 in its entirety.
Respectfully Submitted,

Raymond Smith