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Measure: HB3501

I oppose HB 3501. Change the trajectory of resolving the humanitarian crisis unfolding on the streets of Portland. Vote no on HB 3501

The “compassionate response” is failing. Its time to outlaw and ban public camping in urban cities in Oregon. Period.

The multiple liberal homeless advocacy groups who are irrefutably deepening the crisis by promoting and lobbying elected leaders to continue to allow an ongoing "culture of permissibility". Additionally, they enable an evasion of personal accountability to those actively choosing life on the streets as well as those suffering from mental health and addiction issues.

Remember only 20-30% of the homeless population surveyed said they wanted counseling, rehabilitation and ultimately housing and reintegration back into society. Why is the number so low? Because that decision comes with personal responsibility and accountability. Very few of the mentally ill and those with addiction issues want rehab. Only 6% of heroine users make thru “recovery”.

Its time for tough love and to make big changes to limit “allowing”. Its time to outlaw and ban public camping in urban cities in Oregon.