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Having a disabled son who gets a little noisy when he is in a schizo effective episode and very verbally hositile. He isnt harmful to anyone except himself, and does not do well living alone. It is hard enough for him to be housed as it is, and he deserves the same shelter everyone else does. He prefers not to medicate, which is his right and it makes things a little rough. I am his 66 yr old mother however, and have short tolerance for such behavior and he knows it for the most part but he shouldn't have to live under a bush because he was born with a mental health condition he has difficulty managing, and he certainly didnt ask for when he was born. The street is full of people just like him that society and their own families have given up on, and they are living like feral animals shouldn't even have to live. Especially in Salem Oregon, an institutional City, this is just a recipe for cruelty and disaster. I prefer to assure my son he is loved and as long as i live and breathe he has a safe loving home to come to and just LET someone try to take that away from him without legal Armageddon on his behalf ! He struggles socially and is awkward outside and there are so many just like him because the laws are already not in their favor. No one should have to be living like an animal because they have behavioral issues. Why not atleast fund some housing just for such clients owned by peoeple who care enough to counsel them and keep them housed. This would just balloon the homeless population out of control way more than it already is, and its too easy for those in society with pack dog mentalities to just make up complaints because they dont have anyone else to bully or dont like someone bcuz theyre different,and the majority is heard even when they are wrong or lie. And good lord in heaven what about the elderly and kids that would be living in cars that dont even run ?! Bad idea !