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OREGON LEGISLATURE

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

RE: HB3501

To All Committee members,

As a citizen of Oregon, I would like to ask this committee to deeply consider what you are proposing with this bill. This is another form of toxic charity that will be added on to the already growing toxic charity that is being handed out day after day.

We have never had so many people (including non-citizens) receiving free "stuff" ever in this Country. I have been to other Countries (Haiti, El Salvador and Mexico) and have seen also the downfall of what toxic charity delivers, and then when you teach People how to lift themselves up and make efforts to contribute what a positive effect it has on the individual and community. You can't keep handing out all means of living, including free phones, free food, free EBT cards to buy whatever has a bar code etc etc., and not have any expectations that the recipients should participate in improving their situation including laboring to contribute to their daily existence.

Now the proposal is to allow "camping" on any public land. Citizens that are productive in your State, that pay your wages may I add, deserve also to have leadership that works to make our State better. As this era of leadership gives out free free, and no behavior or expectation of bridging to a productive life – you are destroying the State. Portland was once a beautiful City. Now it is homeless central, and these non-productive people are now being moved to Bend, Medford, Eugene etc. This Bill will not fix this huge problem. You must all know that. We will have homeless everywhere, and trash, let alone the crime that comes with a take what I want attitude. It will be devastating to our communities!!

Please vote NO on this bill, and go back to the planning table to tackle this homelessness problem, and also turn back Medicaid and public assistance to what it once was - A Bridge (help) to a better future. Not a permanent existence.

Sincerely,

A concerned Oregon Citizen


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