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On Behalf Of: Mr Oregon Opposes HB 4037
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I OPPOSE [HB 4037].

When I read the Text of [HB 4037] i came upon a phrase where the State of Oregon, as a condition of use of State property, the City of Salem would hold harmless and indemnify the State for any and all law suits springing forth from their Homeless experiment.

I have read all of the Testimonies submitted of this date and again, I am wholly unimpressed.

I have a hunch all of those who submitted the Testimonies are really good-hearted people faced with an intractable problem that is worsening every day. These same folks have homes, food, transportation, medical and dental benefits. In short, they are just trying to reach retirement with their benefits. I bet they even have a beer, a glass of wine or two, watch television or read a book after a sumptuous dinner.

We, in this great country of ours, have not seen suffering on a scale of the Great Depression for several decades but, we are seeing a diaspora of our own making and trying to solve the problem of Homelessness without any cognitive national leadership.

Go ahead, use every inch of State property and the result will be worse than it was before you spent more money and offer more services.

For example, for those that live and work in Salem, take a nice leisurely stroll through River Front Park by the West Salem Bridge.

[HB 4037] is not only going to fail but, the Homeless problem will only get worse. Especially, when the rent moratorium ends.

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Mr. Oregon tearfully, Concurs.