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To: **House Committee on Judiciary**; [others].

**Re: I OPPOSE [HB 2367]...Eliminate all services, enforce laws and the "Homeless" will relocate to California.**

**[HB 2367] excerpt states, "(a) Many persons in Oregon have experienced homelessness as a result of economic hardship, a shortage of safe and affordable housing, the inability to obtain gainful employment and a disintegrating social safety net system; and (b) Decriminalization of rest allows local governments to redirect resources from local law enforcement activities to activities that address the root causes of homelessness and poverty. (2) It is declared to be the public policy of Oregon to guarantee persons experiencing homelessness participation in the social and economic life of this state, remunerative employment, use of and free movement within public spaces, participation in and receipt of the benefits of the services, programs and activities of state government and local governments and housing accommodations of the person's choice, without discrimination." *Federal Emergency Management Agency Camps in the desert is a lot cheaper.***

**[HB 2367] excerpt states, " Section 4. ..G) Live in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations or similar settings; or (H) Are migratory and otherwise experiencing homelessness as described in this subsection...(6)(a) "Public space" means any property that is owned, in whole or in part, by state government or a local government, or upon which there is an easement for public use, and that is held open to the public. (b) "Public space" includes but is not limited to plazas, courtyards, parking lots, sidewalks, public transportation facilities and services, public buildings and parks." *"Gypsies, tramps and thieves"...Weren't those partial lyrics to a song? Soon, [they] will be neighbors.***

**[HB 2367] excerpt states, "SECTION 5. (1) In enacting sections 3 to 6 of this 2021 Act, it is the intent of the Legislative Assembly that: (a) Persons experiencing homelessness be permitted to use public spaces in the same manner as any other person without discrimination based on their housing status; (b) A person experiencing homelessness has a privacy interest and a reasonable expectation of privacy in any property belonging to the person, regardless of whether the property is located in a public space; and (c) Every person in this state, including persons experiencing homelessness, have the rights set forth in subsection (2) of this section to be exercised without being subject to harassment, citation or arrest by law enforcement officers, public or private security personnel or employees of local governments."**

**[HB 2367] will allow the "Homeless" to live anywhere there is public property.** A "Homeless encampment" could appear on the sidewalk in front of your house, in your neighborhood park, on the street, but, wait a minute...the Capitol Building is a "Public Building" so the "Homeless" can pitch their tents there. Need I say more?

The taxpayers paid for parks to enjoy a relaxing and the comforts of a pristine area and "not" a campground for; migratory vagrants, various drug-addicts, "sloppy, lice-infested meth-head whores" and the mentally ill people.

If **[HB 2367]** becomes law; residential property values will plummet. Crime will significantly increase.

However, **[HB 2367]** presents a unique opportunity for those who can afford a comfy Recreational Vehicle.

A person could rent out their house at market rate (until **[HB 2367]** is repealed) and live in a RV on the street in front of the Capitol building, in front of their favorite legislator's house or any and all public spaces including, State Parks, Beaches.

FEMA Camps, the Civilian Conservation Corps and the Works Progress Administration need to be revitalized.

"Build-back-Better" is Bull-Manure speak.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
/s/ David S. Wall