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To: Senate Committee on Human Services, Mental Health and Recovery; others

**Re: I OPPOSE [SB 718]...Why are Homeless citizens of the U.S.A. not treated "equally under the law?"**

**[SB 718] excerpt states, " SECTION 1. (1) In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Department of Human Services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$4,300,000:**

**(a) Which shall be expended to award grants to eligible agencies, as defined in ORS 411.139, to supplement the funding received by eligible agencies from the United States Department of State under 8 U.S.C. 1522 to provide services as described in ORS 411.139; and**

**(b) Of which up to \$600,000 shall be granted to an employment service provider described in subsection (2) of this section to provide coordination of employment services.**

**(2) The Department of Human Services shall select an employment service provider to receive the moneys described in subsection (1)(b) of this section that is an established culturally responsive organization and provides employment and workforce development services to refugees, as defined in ORS 411.139."**

**\*\*\*Are illegal aliens that are surging across our southern border and who are in custody of United States Customs and Border Protection/Homeland Security being classified as "refugees?"**

Why are "refugees" receiving Oregonian taxpayer money?

**\*\*\*Why are the Homeless, the Mentally ill and any and all citizens of the United States of America living in Oregon and desperately needing Housing and jobs not receiving "equal treatment under the law?"**

**\*\*\*Will an additional [\$4,300,000] Oregonian taxpayer dollars be appropriated to house Homeless citizens of the United States of America living in Oregon and desperately needing Housing and jobs?**

**I assert [SB 718] violates the 14th Amendment of our sacred Constitution of the United States of America.**

**The State of Oregon's Legislature should be ashamed of themselves.**

But, they are not so ashamed.

*Respectfully submitted,*

/s/ David S. Wall

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