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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Human Services  
Measure: HB4079

I am writing in opposition to HB 4079. I have been an Oregonian for now more than 50 years. I am a 54 year old professional who loves Oregon but am beyond concerned with the direction of our government to the point my wife and I are seriously considering relocation to another state. The idea of a sales tax to fund the homeless is a bad idea. Never in the history of Oregon has so much money been thrown at the homeless problem for years now and never before has the problems associated with homelessness been worse. The current policy is actually cruel and inhumane as individuals and families are forced into living lives of despair and hopelessness dying a slow, miserable death by drugs and exposure. These individuals are service resistant to drug dependency and addiction, and mental illness. They need to rejoin society as productive human beings and regain their dignity and self worth. The path of handouts and relaxed vagrancy rules has not had the intended results and policy needs to be redirected. While your heart may be in the right place, your policies are not working. I strongly oppose HB4079 and any attempt to derive additional funding for homelessness from a sales tax when the policy has failed both the homeless and tax payers by all evidence. This policy will just invite more drug seeking homeless from other states while enhancing the proliferation and profitability of the drug trade.

Thank you

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