

To the Joint Interim Committee on Addiction & Community Safety,

First, I am appalled that the Hearing on Monday was front loaded with supporters, who obviously had more time to prepare their Powerpoints and plan their presentations. Then when they went long, Public Testimony was drastically reduced, and dignitaries had priority, so “We the People” had no chance to testify in person. The right thing to do would be to schedule additional hearings until all the people have been heard, but I sincerely doubt you will do so.

Second, I live in Precinct 43 in Deschutes County. Running thru my precinct are China Hat Road and Horse Butte Road, out in the Deschutes National Forest. The homeless problem there is horrendous! To save you time I will give bullet points:

- A) The Sheriff has told County Commissioner Patti Adair to never go out there alone!
- B) The Sheriff’s department always sends 2 deputies.
- C) Abandoned vehicles, trash and drug paraphernalia are left behind.
- D) Human waste is left behind as well.
- E) They cut down Ponderosa Pines for firewood. The environmentalists are silent.
- F) They exploded a propane tank and terrorized the taxpaying families living in homes across the street.
- G) A homeless man wandering on my street at 10 pm. asking for water. My husband and son gave him water bottles and power bars, after receiving quite a fright.
- H) A non-profit has formed, “Public Land Stewards” that quarterly is doing cleanups of the abandoned vehicles and endless trash and human waste.
- I) The US Forest Service has been useless in helping.
- J) The Deschutes County Public Health Department has been useless.
- K) The hiring of Kevin Dahlgren was brilliant! He assessed the situation, counted the people, found out their needs quite quickly... then some idiots in Gresham framed this man for his valiant efforts.
- L) The Deschutes County CHRO board has had a list of properties owned by the State of Oregon for a few months, yet no report is forthcoming on which properties can be used for the homeless.
- M) The Gales family has offered their property as a safe place for the homeless, but because it is Zoned EFU and 1 mile from the UGB, it cannot be used. I thought this is a crisis? Oh yeah, bureaucracy prevails.
- N) Congressman Cliff Bentz has been for a tour and a chat with 50+ homeowners, each with unique stories, some of which I am repeating here, but again, the Federal Government does nothing.
- O) There were 900 911 calls to the China Hat Road area in 2021.

Third, we need to restore the mental health hospitals. We need to expand the number of beds. The money is not getting to the addicts, but is instead gobbled up by the non-profits.

Fourth, we need to restore drug treatment court, so there is accountability for the addicts to turn their lives around. drug treatment court in Deschutes was quite successful!

Measure 110 is an epic fail! Drug addiction, drug overdoses, and homelessness is getting worse because Measure 110 enables the problem while discouraging law enforcement. Please hold a special session and repeal it immediately!

Representing my household of 4 voters.

Sincerely,
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