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As a long time Oregon resident, business owner, and tax payer, I am adamantly opposed to SB 603. Perhaps you have not seen the viral videos making their way around social media of homeless people stating why they won't get off the streets and get help? Why would they, when Portland and the state provide them everything they need, including food, tents, sleeping bags, and drug paraphernalia like clean needles. Giving a homeless person \$1000 a month with no case management to help learn how to appropriately use the money is giving them a death sentence. Throwing money at a symptom is not going to solve it. Where's the millions in funding for mental health resources? Where's the millions in funding for drug prevention and drug intervention resources? Stop funding the symptoms and FUND THE ROOT CAUSE. As a tax payer and business owner, I do not approve of tax funds being used in this manner.