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On Behalf
Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On
Transportation and Economic Development

Measure: HB5019

I ADAMANTLY OPPOSE PASSAGE OF HB 5019!!

Now, how many of you legislators would be willing to give your personal blank checks to us citizens so we can fill in a number for our personal pet projects – projects that put money in OUR coffers?? It's outrageous and insulting that this bill is even being considered.

Curiously, while the bill doesn't cite any actual numbers or designation for the spending, Housing Oregon seems to expect a cool \$155M for "homeless prevention". Now why on earth would that be their expectation? These funds wouldn't "prevent" homelessness, they would exacerbate it! I am sick of those who pretend to care about "the homeless" while they are actually pariahs feasting on the drug addiction and misfortune of others to line their own pockets. Where would the social service industry be without those in the streets? Why is this the only industry our public sector seems to support? If these agencies were serious about their mission, they would seek to work themselves out of a job. Stop perpetuating an ongoing assault and violence of spirit against those who, supposedly, are being "helped". Do the right thing. Do not support this farce. Shut this legislation down immediately!