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On Behalf Of:

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I reside in Hillsboro and commute into Portland on a daily basis for work. The office I work out of is in NW Portland and I regularly have to deal with trash, feces, needles, crime, and harassment as a result of homeless encampments throughout the neighborhood. I already feel unsafe within the city of Portland, and I fear that expanding the privileges of the homeless throughout the rest of the state is going to make the troubles the city is facing increase and spread those same issues throughout the remainder of the state as well.

I work in the self-storage industry and the volume of customers I have seen in the last few months that are renting as a result of wanting to pack up their homes and leave the city due to the homelessness and crime is beyond concerning. The tax paying citizens and businesses are leaving at alarming rates and this bill, in my opinion, will only make matters worse. If this measure passes and if Oregon continues to grant more and more concessions to the homeless, (while making us tax paying citizens feel less safe), I fear I will also have to consider relocating to another state that DOES take care of their tax paying citizens.

Please do not pass this bill and instead look for creative solutions to get the homeless to accept the help and resources available. Let's learn from the failures we see in Portland and not let that impact that entire state.