

NO to HB3501

I have lived in Southern Oregon my entire 66 years; mostly Medford, but also surrounding towns. I recently became widowed, sold my house and am deciding whether I want to continue living here or not. I used to love it here; my hometown, but in the past five years or more I have been entirely embarrassed and ashamed of this place. It makes me cringe when I see so much rampant filth, crime, and disrespect for the people, businesses, and environment of the Rogue Valley now...

Now that the Chronic Criminal Homeless have taken advantage of our compassion and our negligence to hold them as accountable for following the laws, as the taxpayers are.

- Now that our waterways are being destroyed and polluted.
- Now that our parks are dangerous.
- Now that the once beautiful Rogue Valley is an embarrassing eye-sore.
- Now that our streets are unsafe and unsanitary.
- Now that our law-abiding, tax-paying citizen's rights are being violated.
- Now that our entire state has become a dysfunctional, shameful mess.
- Now that our children are growing up seeing this as normal, but knowing it is not.

I could go on.

I'm diligent at paying my taxes, following the laws, and being a good neighbor, but I'm not wired to become a civic leader, and affect change from that standpoint. I am not well-versed in government and how the law works, but I know a travesty when I see it, and all I know to do is appeal to your common sense and compassion for WE, THE PEOPLE.

Fight for OUR RIGHTS, champion our causes and stand up for what's true and right. If you continue to ignore what your policies are doing to us all we will all pay a hefty price. It makes me wonder how you are benefitting by running our state into the ground like this. I'm not normally one to speak up, but what you're doing is a blatant failure.

Untie the hands of our Law Enforcers, who see every day how nasty and disgraceful this situation has become. Create laws that allow them to do their job. What happens when the law they were hired to enforce doesn't make sense anymore? Will we lose them? Will those who have a heart to uphold the law, and the skills to back it up no longer have a sane place to do their work? What kind of people will take their place? What kinds of tactics will they have to resort to make it worth being a police officer or a lawyer? Their consciences won't be able to continue looking the other way.

What about us citizens? What will we resort to doing? Taking matters into our own hands? Will we eventually defend our families, our possessions, and our livelihoods. Will we be punished when the perpetrators are not? What kind of people will we become? Are you looking down the road to see the eventual evolution of these damaging laws, or the disregard of the ones that make sense? Have you thought about human behavior and what happens to people when they are consistently treated with disrespect and disregard of their law-abiding ways?

I don't know what the solutions are, but I do know that laws like the HB3501 that protect the CHRONIC CRIMINAL HOMELESS population who refuse to accept the help from the programs that are in place to help those who want to live better lives, and disregard the rights of the citizens, are not the way forward to a better community!

You have the privilege of being in a position to be hero's; to make a move to save these cities, this state and to set an example of what works, to the rest of the nation, instead of continuing to embarrass us, and cause us to move to states that are succeeding and thriving.