

This bill is a total surrender of the rights of responsible law abiding citizens. This bill will have many unintended consequences but will not address the root cause of homelessness. Let me be very clear, enabling the homeless to camp is not compassionate to the homeless or to responsible law abiding citizens.

It is not compassionate to allow homeless to camp and be subjected to potential dangers such as assault, robbery, rape, etc. or to the law abiding citizens to be subjected to the same dangers. It is not compassionate to allow homeless to camp and be subjected to the weather, disease, or illness. It is not compassionate to continue enabling and encouraging people who have a drug addiction.

Everyone should have the right to enjoy public spaces, including the ones whose tax dollars pay for these public spaces. Everyone should feel safe taking public transportation. For some public transportation is their only mode to go to work, to go shopping, etc . Everyone should be able to walk down a sidewalk safely. Sidewalks need to be unobstructed, especially those who are disabled.

Everyone should have the right to peaceful enjoyment of their home. People who have a public sidewalk in front of their home will be impacted when someone sets up camp in front of their home. Then to cause even more insult, the homeowner faces civil penalties if the right to camp in front of their home is denied, refused, restricted, or withheld.

Everyone should be allowed to take their family to a park without being concerned about encountering homeless people shooting up, or someone having a mental health crisis?

This bill will open Oregon up by bringing more homeless to Oregon. This bill is just another bad idea that will cause a further decline of the livability of responsible law abiding citizens.