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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

I vehemently oppose HB 3501

It is like the inmates are running the asylum!

In what universe is it proper, appropriate, logical, lawful, reasonable, legal, right, ok, decent, in the best interest of the many – to insist that the many follow the rules, pay fees, buy their own food, purchase their own health insurance, dispose of their trash in a receptacle they have paid for, pay property taxes, poop and pee in an appropriate facility, license their vehicles, pay taxes, carry car insurance, be polite and respectful of people and their property, obey the laws. For THESE people, not following any of these rules results in fines, fees, punishment, and loss of property.

While the few act in ways that are improper, inappropriate, crass, objectionable, crude, unacceptable, substandard, illegal. For THESE people, there are no consequences. You bend over backwards for them. WE, through the taxes WE pay (federal and state) provide them housing – free of charge, medical – free of charge, food – free of charge. Don't want to work, no problem – you will allow US to pay more taxes to provide for them. Don't want to integrate back into society or not ready yet – that's ok, there must be a reason and we are told we need to be tolerant and accepting.

WE the taxpayers don't feel safe going to parks, walking downtown, sometimes even being in our own homes due to the 'unhoused' squatting on the sidewalks, green spaces, parks, in front of our houses and if we are lucky, ON our property. Oh, I forgot. If we are lucky enough to have the 'unhoused' trespass on our property that we purchased with the money that we earned from working and that we pay property taxes and insurance on, and they decide that they want to stay. We are forced to allow them to stay or we have to pay to have them evicted (Crazy isn't it!) We also have to pay to have the trash that they leave removed and well, if we raise food crops, we have to decontaminate the area of fecal matter so we don't kill someone with the products that we sell to make our living.

Instead of embracing your constituents, you seem to be trying to divide us. When you make two classes of people – hatred and anger ALWAYS ensues. We have laws. ENFORCE them! Stop trying to make exceptions for some. The laws should be for all. You guys made the laws! It seems you have learned nothing from history. The deterioration of society seems to be your goal, pitting the 'payers' against the 'takers.'

You just voted to give the homeless (the takers) \$200,000,000.00 this year, but were trying to STEAL our kicker (money you took from us because we work and follow the rules). Ted Wheeler said that there are people who don't want to move to shelters or go into any of the programs we are paying for. Fine – then you get NOTHING! NOTHING! Either be a productive member of society and follow the rules the rest of us have to or well.... choices. We all make them. Some have consequences that aren't what we may want. ENFORCE THE CURRENT LAWS!

The more money and 'benefits' that you are giving them, the more come. Why should we keep paying when all we would have to do is move out into a tent or shack or better yet a run down trailer that we get to park wherever we want – we won't have to license it and you will empty the sewer tank. If I am a good citizen live in a trailer and pay for a spot in a park, I have to pay for all that.

Oh how nice it would be to have NO responsibilities. I would have lots of time to read, play loud music, drink, sit on a corner and collect tax free money from suckers, hang out with my friends. In fact if you continue pushing us along this path, I may have to move – to the spot on the street in front of your house! (Remember, when I poop on your sidewalk I expect privacy!)

Sincerely,

L. Duda

P.S. - Please forward a list of where I can get free food, clothes, a tent and anything else so I can start my NEW life compliments of YOU and the nice rule following working people.