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I can not understand why Oregon continues to validate the rights of its homeless population more than those of law abiding, tax paying citizens. It is absurd and egregious to me that I could not be fined for trying to remove a homeless squatter from the sidewalk in front of my home. I pay for my home, I pay taxes for my property. I continue to be taxed at every turn for working a full time job and owning a home and vehicles and basically existing in this state. Now you want the homeless person whom you've legalized drug use for, to be able to sit in front of my home and do drugs in their tent and if I ask them to move, they get \$1000 and I will be fined \$1000. What has happened to common sense? What has happened to my rights? What has happened to you guys that you are so backwards that you think this is a good idea?

Furthermore, it is NOT their right to take up residence where ever they like. As I home owner I can not block the sidewalk in front of my house. I can not build a wall, or put up a fence not in accordance with local laws and regulations, but suddenly it would be okay for homeless people to do so?

I continue to be disgusted and ashamed to live in Oregon. Please do NOT consider this as a real option. Just like how you continue to be dumbfounded by the rise in crime and drug use, do you not think that the homeless population will continue to rise when you cater to them and make Oregon the premiere place for Homeless people to reside? Disgusting politics. Absolutely disgusting.