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Ladies and Gentlemen:

VOTE NO.

So you are not only raising the white flag on homelessness in this state but you are elevating it. Handing the homeless the flag and letting them beat us with it. Giving them the right to rest right in our laps. Those of us who live, work, pay taxes, shop, walk on our city sidewalks and in the parks that WE have paid for are supposed to just let the homeless take over and squat where ever they choose. On the personal and business property that we worked for years to own, maintain and care for. You've already screwed over the landlords in this state so why not go all in on destroying personal property rights.

This bill is utter insanity. Sure, legalize trespassing, what could POSSIBLY go wrong?

VOTE NO.

We are being forced to watch our cities turn into giant outdoor tent camps and drug shooting galleries, outdoor bathrooms and garbage dumps. Panhandling and verbal harassment when you try and ignore the drugged, drunken shouts and filthy language when you pass by. They've taken over ALL of our parks!

THIS may work for your liberal friends in Portland who have created the blueprint for the rest of the country on how to fail, crush and destroy their city. How to ruin the quality of life and turn their down towns into hovels of despair. But the rest of us would like to keep our towns, streets and parks free of tents and squatters, unwashed bodies who crap in their own nests and then let the rest of us clean it up. The dangers increase as the camps grow. This has to stop.

Have you had them sleep in the doorways of your business property and had to clean

up afterwards? We have. It's getting worse down here in Southern Oregon because of the lack of leadership in Salem. The failure to protect hard working tax paying LAW abiding citizens in favor of chaos, drugs and lawlessness.

There is a difference between those who can't work and those who won't. If you really want to end homelessness then take all that tax money you love to spend and build Work Camps – train people to work, help them gain skills and learn personal responsibility. Let them make things and contribute.

Build mental health hospitals with addiction centers. Keep the dangerous off the streets and get the others cleaned up and sober. Your legalized drug idea has been an unmitigated disaster, period.

You will never better these people if you keep coddling them, meanwhile ruining the lives of everyone else around them, because eventually all the productive people will flee the state. Oregon is becoming the joke of the nation in being first in every bad idea. Oregon is on it's way to becoming a failed, welfare state.

Do not pass this bill unless you really do want to see just how bad it can get. You are not helping. Don't feed the bears, it attracts more bears and then things do NOT end well. For anyone.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Linda E Sandeen and family