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Has anyone thought of how destructive this will be to every child in Oregon? Children use public spaces to play, interact and explore and this bill creates a massive safety risk for children. What happens when a toddler swallows a fentanyl pill in a park? This is 100% going to happen when you mix a "safe spot" built with the intention for children's play with what can now be established with drug encampments supported by the government. This bill sounds like the death knell for Oregon. We have a massive homeless epidemic at hand, and we continue to compound the issue with wackier ideas. Ask yourself this, is the issue getting better or worse. Are more houseless people coming or going? I can help you with the answer, the problem is growing and we can start to make progress by refusing to support absurd ideas like allowing houseless individuals to create encampments anywhere they please. It sounds like the destruction of society at that point, correct? We are an income tax state and the mass majority of people paying into the income tax pool have one foot out the door and an advanced exit strategy in place. What do you think will happen to the value of your home once we have mass migration of families to other states? I have lived in Oregon my entire life and am a proud 5th generation Oregonian but am sad to see a systematic dismantling of a once proud State by a select few policy makers. It does not matter if you are a republican, democrat, liberal, or you any other political affiliation. We were all once children and our politicians managed to keep us safe during our youth. Please do the same for our kids. If this bill passes and you see a child endangered in a public space, parents will be extremely motivated to leave for safer places and our large Oregon employers will follow where the talent pool is heading. Being that we are an income tax state, this is beyond problematic. The bill is complete insanity and a sad day for Oregon policy makers to even entertain the idea.