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Is this satire? The only reason I know this isn't satire is because it's coming from our inept, pie in the sky, in-denial government. No one does performative governance like Oregon, after all. I say that as a lifelong Democrat who is very quickly souring on these completely moronic "good vibes only" messaging bills that end up absolutely destroying our middle class neighborhoods. Guess what, Dems—if our party can't provide an ACTUAL, tangible answer to the current homelessness crises we are facing all throughout our state, there's another party that is more than willing to provide an answer to citizens who are rightfully concerned about their physical safety while just trying to live. One thing that always seems to be absent in this debate is the HONEST conclusion that many of the people living on our streets, through consistent drug use and untreated mental health issues, do not have functioning cognitive control and therefore are unable to make healthy decisions for themselves.

This bill drips of elitist privilege and is quite a disgrace for anyone with mobility issues or any woman just trying to walk down the sidewalk or bike on a bike path. Maybe in the legislators' multi-million dollar neighborhoods being followed, catcalled, degraded and harassed by unstable, violent, actively using men isn't a problem, but it happens to me more times than not when I manage to scrape up the determination to walk down the sidewalk as a single woman. You're supposed to be protecting ALL people, what is WRONG with you? Yes, a member of your own party is THIS fed up and angry at the "do nothing/pretend nothing is wrong" attitude of our legislators while our house is on fire. Actually do something or expect to lose big in the next elections, as our homelessness crisis is quickly turning once compassionate citizens into single-issue voters.