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Oregonians have watched our beautiful state decline into the despair of legalizing hard drugs and rampant homelessness. I have lived here for almost 50 years and have never been so ashamed to tell people where I live. Everyone knows Oregon now, not for its beauty but for its national recognition regarding the demise of our State. Just when I thought we had sunk low enough, it apparently wasn't far enough. Are those who are proposing this bill, and supporting the insanity its passage would cause, actually living in Oregon? Going outside? EVERYWHERE we go there is homelessness. I have seen elementary children walk down into the street with traffic because homeless have set up camps or are sleeping on the sidewalk where OUR CHILDREN should have their right to be safe trump those who are sleeping and camping where they please. Do you know how many kids don't go to parks anymore because of the homeless staying there and leaving needles and waste on the playgrounds?!

We have had, on several occasions, the following happen to us personally: homeless step out in front of our cars while driving on a public street, wander in and out of traffic, steal items from our home (3 times), break into all the cars in our neighborhood, scream at our children, pull their pants down and urinate on the sidewalk, urinate and defecate in store parking lots and parks and do hard drugs on the sidewalk by a restaurant. WE ARE BEYOND FED UP. I cannot adequately explain how my previous compassion has changed into unbelievable sadness and anger. Oregon is doing nothing other than sending out the miracle workers that are Cahoots and our amazing police officers, who are already over worked, to deal with this. IT JUST GETS WORSE. I am scared for my family and kids. We have installed video cameras and extra locks on our doors. This has to stop.

There are no words for the absurdity that this bill is. Letting homeless sleep wherever they want and then collect \$1,000 if told to move. Set up in front of schools? Sure. Urinating and leaving drug paraphernalia and on site access to kids getting drugs and stepping in waste? Great! At the entrances to stores, restaurants and businesses. Why not? You don't mind weaving around campers where you'll step on someone's used needles while they yell obscenities at your kids? Perfect!

I can only assume those who are proposing this bill and support it are living in some kind of fairy tale world where they believe the majority of homeless don't do these things. They all live clean lives, don't have mental illness putting others and themselves in danger or are drug addicts. THAT IS the reality of Oregon's homeless situation though. Not the very small majority who are genuinely out on their luck and

homelessness is temporary. You do know but don't care.

What do you think a drug addicted homeless person would do with \$1,000 they would receive from purposefully setting up camp in a place they know would get backlash in order to get compensated? All together now! They will buy more drugs! Who's going to pay the \$1,000? The tax payer? The business owner who has to go out and clean up their waste before opening their store that nobody will come to anymore because homeless have set up there?

Where are the rights of taxpayers and the housed? Why do we and our children not have the right, AS THE MAJORITY, to be safe where we go?! Oh, and as a side note, in Eugene, let's put a fire truck or two out of commission (yup, that's probably going to happen) so we have less equipment to respond to the homeless fires they set and then pay them \$1,000 when told to move because they sleeping & setting fires in empty buildings is their right.

WAKE UP! Get the mental health needed, more safe places to live, more police and Cahoots workers, have LAWS AGAINST homeless sleeping where they want. If your intension is to drive Oregon residents and businesses out of here and push our state into the abyss, congrats, you're doing a hell of a good job.