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On Behalf Of:

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Let me be immediately clear so the message is not lost. I vehemently oppose this legislation.

Oregon's population is shrinking for the first time in decades. It is not a mystery why. I have lived in Oregon my entire life and up until recently had never had to ask myself these questions....is the money that we're investing in our state through our taxes providing a better quality of life for all Oregonians? No. Are our elected officials doing their job and helping us keep Oregon a safe and beautiful place for us all to enjoy? No.

Our elected leaders are introducing and passing legislation that is creating an asymmetrical rights relationship that allows criminals and the unhoused to take over our state and public spaces at will, and gives law abiding, tax paying citizens no recourse. To say that I am frustrated by our state's priorities would be putting it mildly. Legalize drugs but encourage fixed speed legislation under the guise of public safety (ahem, revenue generating)?

I cannot fathom why the elected officials who introduced this bill thought it would be a good idea. Enough is enough. Enough with introducing legislation for your own vanity and to make yourself feel like a good person. Enough molly coddling people who do not want to help themselves. Enough incentivizing crime and enabling criminals. Enough prioritizing the good of the few against the good of the many. Enough.

This is not good legislation. This is a slap in the face to all law abiding and tax paying citizens of Oregon. To say I oppose this legislation is not saying enough.