

Dear Committee Members,

I strongly support HB 2367, the bill giving all people the right to rest. There are few things more heartrending in our modern, urban society than the sight of people who have no place to rest in security, to care for their basic functions. Too often their house-lessness is the result of forces beyond their control: loss of job, loss of home, sickness.

In our society, when many have far more than they need in terms of material well-being and security, it is criminal for us to refuse to help those who need a little extra assistance.

Whenever I go into Eugene, I am astounded at how many people are living in tents: in parks, under bridges, along roadways. Where do they wash? Where do they relieve themselves? how do they keep themselves clean? They need/want/should have all the basic support that the rest of us have: housing, security, sanitary facilities.

I urge the passage of this bill. It is an essential step in caring for our own society.

Sincerely,

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