

To the Oregon House Committee on Judiciary  
April 12, 2021

Good day,

I am in absolute and total support of HB 2367, the Oregon Right to Rest Act. I have been gratified to see houseless communities protected and supported around Lane County. This is in stark contrast to what I witnessed houseless citizens experience around Douglas County. It often appears an uphill battle to convince some folks that the houseless are still human beings, deserving of care and dignity.

This bill may not change the attitudes of every resident of Douglas County, but it will proclaim that overall, the State of Oregon is made of more compassionate stuff. That we are an imperfect lot, but we recognize that every human being deserves dignity, regardless of their address--or if they have one. This, in fact, is the very least that we Oregonians can, and should do to provide justice, care, and opportunity to all our neighbors.

Because if there's anything we've learned from this pandemic, from our recent wildfires, from the challenges of life--large and small--it's that we are all in this together. We are responsible to each other. And we can only expect true wellness when all our people are healthy.

Please pass HB 2367, and please do all you can to see that our houseless neighbors receive dignity, care, and opportunity. These days, any one of us could find ourselves in those shoes.

With greatest respect and gratitude for your consideration,

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