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To: Senate Committee on Housing and Development; [others]

**Re: I OPPOSE [HB 3124 A]...It's past time to bring back the WPA and the CCC.**

I am compassionate to those that are not as blessed as I am with a home.

I am not compassionate with "Homeless Camps" anywhere in the city and or rural areas.

The State of Oregon's Legislature, as well as the governing bodies in every major city in Oregon, seems to be suffering from congenital stupidity when making decisions concerning the Homeless population.

I am vehemently OPPOSED to [HB 3124 A].

"NO NOTICE" should be given to the Homeless to vacate immediately when ordered to do so by the Police.

Any interference by elected officials, to order the Police to not enforce a "Get out of Dodge" policy will be held accountable.

My opinion on this matter is based on the trampling of my compassion by many Homeless people who have been permitted upon my property several years ago. Every time I opened my land to help our Homeless brothers (and sometimes their wives and or girl friends), I got screwed.

I had to remove "tons" of garbage and other debris as well as been the victim of several property related thefts.

If any of you had the slightest modicum of creativity, you would reinvent and reconstitute, "The Works Progress Administration (WPA) and The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC)" and put these people to work on any number of projects (fire prevention comes to mind, so does mural art works, et cetera).

It is extremely unfortunate Oregon's elected officials have opted to throw money and political tolerance as a solution to the ongoing and soon to be very worse Homeless problem. There isn't enough money to solve the Homeless problem within the confines of a city limits and or the surrounding rural areas.

When the "Free Money" from the quack in White House runs out, the Homeless population is going to grow significantly and so will the suffering. The "eviction moratorium" will end. What then?

You also might consider constructing "New towns" in Eastern Oregon to absorb the Homeless population and relocate social services there to give necessary aid. This would initiate and fuel Economic Development and corresponding Prosperity-what a unique concept. [Don't get me started on "Economic Incubator" theory.]

The use of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) camps would facilitate and enable this process.

The WPA and the CCC created all sorts of temporary towns to provide necessary infrastructure work.

Homeless encampments are a threat to public safety and immediately quashed without any "Notice."

By the way, hold businesses accountable for their shopping carts.

***Respectfully submitted***

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