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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Human Services

Measure: HB4079

As someone who works in an office building in downtown Salem daily, I would like to object on two points. First, giving money to people who will only spend it on drugs to, then, pass out in my office doorway every night and leave the cardboard and urine covered plastic bags and tarps and needles for me to clean up on mine, and others employed, hard working money seems unfair. Oregon has not passed a sales tax many times and for many reasons. The biggest reason being we have some of the highest income and property taxes already in place. Along with those extra sales taxes that were snuck in, like fuel, tobacco, and alcohol. Where is all of this money going? Not our roads, clearly. Instead of giving money to those who will not use it to better their lives, how about you use what you already take from the working class and open up empty buildings and help these people get off the street, off drugs, and become a useful person. Can't cost more than we are already paying for this problem. Yes problem! That would be something everyone making money could get behind.

Second, when did government earn the right to "force" rules and taxes through without the majority of the people paying for them to vote on? This should go out for a vote from all registered voters. Clearly you all are not making the right choices or we would not be in this predicament in the first place. All you are doing is creating MORE Crime with this type of bill. All I am asking is to start thinking smart and stop robbing people for really bad ideas.

Thank you,

Lisa