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Thank you in advance for reading my testimony regarding HB 4079.

I was born in Oregon, and I have lived here for most of my life. I have seen a lot of time pass and unfortunately, I see a growing population of people who refused to support themselves, provide their own housing and provide their own food etc. It seems the more that we give to these types of folks, the more people "get on the bandwagon" and stop being productive members of society.

I strongly oppose any monthly stipends for low income or homeless people! Oregon, especially near the cities, has become flooded with people who again choose not to work and choose not to provide their own means of support. I do not believe that giving more money to them will help the problem. What Oregon needs to focus on is a program to evaluate these people and get them the help they need. That means if people are addicted to drugs, they need to be placed into some sort of rehabilitation program. If the people have mental health issues, they can be evaluated by a physician.

If people have mental health or addiction issues and still choose to live on the streets something must be done! The issue of people living is a public health emergency much larger than anything to do with any endemic viruses.

Again, I strongly oppose this. And, if these types of programs continue to arise, and to be approved in Oregon, I will be moving from Oregon to another state within the next few years. Unfortunately, I have seen items like this in the past. Many years ago, we Oregonians voted on a bill to stop giving drivers licenses to illegal immigrants. This was overturned by the legislature, and we were not allowed to vote on it again. This is not leadership, this is tyranny!

People like me who provide for myself and my own family, are tired of seeing our hard-earned tax dollars given away, hand over fist on a constant basis (and constantly increasing as well).

I oppose HB 4079!