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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: SB603

I am writing to urge a no vote on SB 603. In reading the bill and proposed amendment, I see several problems:

There does not appear to be any oversight or audit of what the funds were used for. This would be irresponsible use of tax payer dollars. As the bill and amendment stand, the taxpayers are potentially, even likely, funding drug addiction and death. How is that humane or responsible?

The proposed amendment removes the "veteran" category as a criterion to be considered when giving out these funds. Why? Men and women who have voluntarily served our country should be a primary concern.

The proposed amendment attempts to hide the potential use of this money for illegal immigrants, but it's still there. Oregon taxpayer dollars should be helping Oregon residents.

There should be requirements to receive the money. What incentive is there to escape homeless if steps are not put in place to help the people? If people are to receive these funds, they need to demonstrate that they are taking actions to improve their situation.

Finally, having lived through the pandemic state of emergencies that kept getting extended, I do not think the people should so easily allow the government the power that goes along with that designation.