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As a person who has lived and worked in Lents every day for years, I have seen the social degradation and human suffering caused by the confluence of M110, Boise v Martin, and the recalcitrance or inability of city and state leadership to do anything about our burgeoning drug addicted homeless problem. I fear that HB3501 will turbo charge the problem, inducing more and more bad actors to move to our state to consume resources and hard drugs, while contributing nothing to society; indeed they will actively be detracting from it.

This bill will make my neighborhood, city, and state a worse place to live for all but the most indigent and irresponsible. I encourage you to walk around the Lents neighborhood sometime, walk under the bridges and along the streets with derelict RVs and people getting face tattoos in tents. Hear the crunch of discarded syringes underfoot as you walk down the 205 multi use path. Smell the second hand fentanyl smoke first thing in the morning. Walk into the street to avoid the piles of stolen bikes and human feces on the sidewalk. See the once green spaces now choked with trash. Hopefully you don't get shot at while walking around the neighborhood, as I have.

Stop encouraging the homeless, they are a problem to be dealt with, not a virtuous group to be coddled and extolled.

Respectfully,
Jake Wilson