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In 1992 I moved to downtown Portland, which most people don't even think of as a neighborhood, but yes this is where I live. Portland is impacted by a truly desperate situation on our streets. Encampments both with and without tents clog our sidewalks and make conditions unsafe for the campers and their housed neighbors. HB 3501 is a threat to the very efforts we are undertaking to get campers inside and connected to services that they desperately need.

This is such an egregious example of Oregon liberalism gone wrong! What actual rights does this bill give to people? To not be bothered in order to OD and die outside in squalid conditions? Where is the humanity in that? What conditions prevail in the regions of Oregon where they're proposing this law to be binding on the entire state?

No, we need to move in another direction and work Directly with people to resolve their homelessness, not give them more rope to harm themselves with - we've seen too much of this laissez-faire approach with Measure 110 and the national view of Oregon's experiment is a total failure. This misguided liberalism is literally killing people on our streets.

Please do not double-down on Oregon's failing path - vote NO on HB 3501!