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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

To the people in charge of bringing this bill to light,

This bill is a slap in the face to all the hard working and tax paying citizens that would like to enjoy the fruits of their tax labors. Many folks, me included, have small children that they would like to experience this great state with and all the public spaces that come with it. By approving this bill, you have just taken away another avenue for our women and children to feel safe in their home state. How can I feel safe knowing my wife and son have to attend local sports programs that now permit the outcasts of society to live there without recourse? Why should I pay you another dime in taxes if this is where they are going? You spend my tax dollars on 'Public Works' that does not benefit the wellbeing of our community and instead invites danger and instability.

This legislature does not protect the citizens that have contributed to society day in and day out without pause. Instead, this bill allows potentially dangerous and mentally unstable people, who in large have chosen to be homeless and not assimilate into society, the opportunity to stalk and prey on our most vulnerable citizens (women, children, the elderly, and city workers) who are just trying to live in this crazy world. Many of these folks on the street are running from the law, desperate drug addicts and mentally unstable people that should be institutionalized. Will the state of Oregon be reimbursing all of the homeowners who paid a premium for their home to be next to a beautiful park, that you are effectively turning into a drug infested campground?

Many of you politicians can send your children to private schools, live behind gated communities, protected by law enforcement 24/7 wherever you go but your life is not that of the average Oregonian. When things get bad for Ted Wheeler and the protestors find his apartment building, he simply moves. What about the other tenants of that building? They don't get to move away like he can. You live a life of privilege while subjecting the masses to your 'Feel Good Legislature' which is not helpful to our community. Do better and fix the issue. Taking away safe spaces from the taxpayers that paid for them is a bad look and why this state is dying on the vine. If this bill is pushed through, I hope you sleep well at night knowing you just put a mother and her children in danger because of your progressive and dangerous agenda. Their blood and trauma are on your hands now.

Thank you,
Jeremy Buckalew