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This bill pushes the issue of houselessness in the wrong direction for Oregon. We simply cannot wash our hands clean of the issue by decriminalizing what many are already doing. We owe people in a rough spot a chance, and the continued enablement will not give them that. This bill fails to even recognize addiction and mental health as a contributor and perpetuator of homelessness. Please read the room, the people of Washington, Multnomah and Clackamas counties do not want to expand the rights of the homeless. We need to enact real policy to assist them, not enable and invite others to join them.