

To whom it may concern:

I have become aware of a bill that is being proposed that would allow homeless camps in parks, trails, and hat not. I am not sure how much more evidence you need to understand this is not ok. Cities of Portland are covered in camps that are making native Oregonians like me not even want to visit downtown for shopping, hotels, food or shows. I used to take my family downtown frequently to enjoy what Portland had to offer but no more. I see businesses leaving the downtown area in droves and crime skyrocketing. Tourists no longer want to visit what used to be the City of Roses. Allowing these camps with their trash and drug use will only cause this to escalate to a point of no return.

Now allowing this in other cities and counties will perpetuate the issues that we see in Portland and Multnomah County. Even here in Clackamas County we see camps hidden away in our parks and trails that are riddled with drug paraphernalia and trash. Luckily, we are allowed to go and clean up these eye sores and keep our area family friendly. Under the proposed bill this would not be the case. You would have us sit back watching places be over run and not even be able to remove the trash and hazardous waste where our children play. This is not ok in any way and should not be considered.

I am greatly apposed to this bill and need our officials to consider making this illegal to publicly camp.

Thank you.