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Please do not even consider this as a realistic option. I encourage our leaders to consider the hard-working individuals and businesses that are struggling to survive. It's infuriating that the harder we work the less we have to show for it because our government is taxing us heavily to support those who are unwilling to take responsibility for themselves. Is it any wonder there are so many Oregonians and businesses leaving Oregon? As Margaret Thatcher said, "The problem with socialism is that you eventually run out of other people's money." Instead, let's encourage people to work hard, support themselves, take pride in what they've done, and if they're successful, they'll be able to contribute in a charitable way. Our police are overworked and understaffed. We cannot and should not continue to create an environment that encourages individuals to take what they can because it's 'free' vs. take pride and responsibility in themselves. Doing so will only continue to further deplete our already overwhelmed police and legal system, as well as drive more businesses and hard-working individuals away from Oregon. Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts. Please consider them seriously and realize that if this proposal passes, more hard-working individuals and businesses will throw in the towel and move elsewhere.