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I heard about the Right to Rest proposed legislation. This is NOT a good idea.

- Already Portland and other cities are experiencing unprecedented homelessness in part because of the laws that basically legalized drugs. In Oregon, our laws are creating a safe haven for drug addicts. Stats have shown they are not going to treatment when they get ticketed. These law needs to be reversed.
- The proposal to give \$1000 cash to homeless people was ridiculous. Many would only use the money for more drugs.
- Meanwhile, attempts to find space for homeless has not been very successful. Springwater Corridor bike path was a nightmare. Hunnel Road, 2nd& Dekalb, in Bend have been areas overrun with loitering, drugs, and crime. The Jefferson Street bridge area in Eugene has been excavated twice now to eliminate needles from the area. We need to become a drug use unfriendly state, not a state for come one, come all for the best "free" services known to man.
- Businesses are leaving Portland because of all the break-ins, theft and vandalism; REI is the latest example.

AND now, you want to allow all these campers to camp anywhere? In park strips? Imagine an entire city with needles and garbage everywhere! In front of homes that people are trying to raise their families and put their life savings into. This is NOT a good idea. Our Oregon government should be protecting the people who pay taxes, expect to have a job in their community so they can pay for their homes, support local businesses and be proud to be an Oregonian. Please bring back law and order, safe streets, reduced crime. Thank you.