

HB 3501 has to be the **worst** idea that the dreamers in Salem have come up with to date (and I have seen many **TERRIBLE** ideas come out of this state house!). The tax-paying citizens in my neighborhood are quite tired of being accosted by mentally ill (and yes, we **are** concerned about **WHY** these folks were turned out of mental health facilities and left to their own devices on the street) and much worse - the drug-crazed addicts and thieves. Last month I had to call 911 to request assistance for an addict going through withdrawal on the sidewalk near the Hillsboro Airport MAX station (“Get the bugs off of me! Get them OFF!” - The woman was crying, clawing and screaming. How **is** that Measure 110 working out?).

We are tired of having property stolen from our yards and garages. I have been accosted by a knife wielding crazed individual in the neighborhood, had equipment stolen from my garage, have had windows broken out of my vehicles for the purpose of stealing trinkets from the cars. (It cost me a LOT more for replacement windows than the value of what was taken). I have had to install security cameras with motion sensing alarms and obtain a concealed carry permit.

Last year I had to personally pressure on the Hillsboro Police department to remove a homeless camp that was set up on the SIDEWALK at the Hillsboro sports complex, BLOCKING access to the ball fields and withing 50 feet of Hillsboro girls softball league games (these are YOUNG 10-12 year-old girls!). It ended up taking several days to get the camp removed from this PUBLIC PROPERTY.

Five or six years ago I assisted a couple of Hillsboro city and Metro workers clean up a homeless camp that had existed in the woods near the Airport MAX station. Three days of work and countless pickup truck loads of filthy waste loaded up and hauled to the landfill.

Last week, HUMAN FECES was deposited on my neighbor’s retaining wall at the front of his house, right next to the sidewalk (which my wife kindly removed, by the way).

And now to add insult, along comes HB3501 so these persons can set up camp, without recourse for tax-paying citizens in our neighborhoods!?! My God, are you people INSANE? Have any of you driven (or better yet, WALKED) around Portland in the last few years?

By the way, politically, I am quite in the middle, that small niche in the center of the bell curve where sanity and common sense reigns.

