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Our family is in opposition of this bill. To have anyone set up shelter directly outside of our home that we work so hard to keep as a safe and clean space for our family is such a scary thought. They could have extreme mental illness that causes unsafe and unpredictable behaviors, if they're using drugs it could spread to our property and our home, again making it unsafe for our family to reside or even enjoy our property. To have possible urine and fecal matter causes unsanitary health concerns for our family. Our family and several other members of the community would lose their rights to walk on the sidewalk vs in the street and risking being hit by a car. My special needs son will lose his ability to ride his toys on the sidewalk vs the street where once again, he would be at risk of being hit by a car. Why does Oregon keep following California policies when we are trying not to make those mistakes. How is this ok to put so many hard working people who have made sacrifices and choices to provide themselves a safe and clean space to potentially have it contaminated and taken away by this bill? More needs to be put in place to rehab and house these people, vs just pushing them around and making them everyone else's problem. We the tax payers and residents of this state are not the ones who are misusing these funds, so why are we being punished for the poor choices of those that are supposed to be working for this state and making the best and safest decisions? We have already had someone living out of their car parked in front of our home a few years ago. He was using and selling drugs and there were sketchy people coming all hours of the day and night. I didn't feel safe allowing my then toddler and baby to be in the living room since it was less than 20 feet from the street and all of those people who were under the influence and unpredictable. One night after my husband had gone to work, I was home alone with four kids, someone tried to break through my front door. It took about 15 min for an officer to arrive, and unsurprisingly they didn't find anyone. This bill is unfair to so many, I really beg and plead with whoever is considering this to reconsider for the health and safety of so many you claim to care about and serve.

Thank you for your time.