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The homeless do not need MORE RIGHTS. They currently have more rights than tax paying citizens yet the bill advocates for them to have an increased right to camp wherever they want to and for as long as they want to with this bill.

Other than the homeless themselves, there is not a single person that I have spoken to in all of Oregon that believes that the homeless need more rights and should be able to be wherever they want to be, even if that means putting children and the elderly at risk, not to mention increased crime.

What evidence has been collected that the homeless are being treated unfairly? Has anyone spoken to the home owners that live next to homeless camps? Have they told you they want those homeless people to stay longer next to their home? Do you realize that home values near homeless camps have plummeted and have a longer than average time to sell?

Would any of the senators advocate for this bill if the homeless suddenly started living outside of your houses?