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Measure: HB3501

This bill will be a disaster for Oregon. This is not the answer to the problem of homelessness. This actually creates more problems for all people in our state. I am asking, no, I'm begging you to vote NO on this devastating bill. If it passes, I believe you will begin to see a mass exodus of tax paying business owners and tax paying citizens moving out of this state, as it will become impossible to conduct business here. There are already problems throughout our state, including my city of Medford, with the horrible messes that the homeless leave wherever they choose to stay. Our city is constantly cleaning up and re-cleaning the trash heaps, drug paraphernalia, feces and other junk that the homeless leave around them. Even when provided trash cans, it appears they won't use them. There are now areas that were previously safe that our citizens are no longer willing to go because they don't feel safe. If this bill passes, how are we supposed to keep our children and ourselves safe from viewing their disregard for cleanliness, their open use of drugs, and apparently, some having sex out in the open? I can't even believe a rational, clear-thinking individual would draft such a bill as this, let alone vote yes on it. Again, I am begging you to vote NO on HB 3501.