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On Behalf Of:

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I oppose this bill. My family has been in Oregon for 165 years. I was born in Salem and growing up here had felt it was a great place to live and raise a family. Now my children are raising families in the area. The homeless problem has been perpetuated and encouraged through policies our state government has imposed on us taxpaying citizens. The passage of measure 110, allowing persons to camp anywhere they please, putting dollars towards housing has not helped the homeless who are able to work. Throwing more money at this problem will not solve the problem, it will only enhance it forward. Oregon is the highest taxed state in the nation for the middle class. We work hard to keep our homes, to eat, to survive. Many homeless are just happy to get by and not work for a living, while the rest of us are struggling but working to sustain a standard of living. We need to take care of the handicapped, the mentally ill. We need to help those persons who are not able to work. Persons who are capable of supporting themselves should be expected to do so just like the rest of us taxpayers. Get people off drugs and quit encouraging them to be on drugs from what measure 110 has done. People who visit Salem in certain areas would think we live in a third world country. Stop wasting our hard earned tax dollars. Thank you for your time.