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On Behalf Of: Our unsheltered neighbors
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2305

I have been trying to keep people alive, on the streets, of Salem, for > 5 years, (@my own expense), & my time is increasingly redirected, to trying to KEEP people, in housing, because they have mental & physical health issues & landlords do NOT understand or feel any obligation, to help these tenants retain housing. Right now, I have 3 severely mentally & physically disabled people, whom I am aware of, fighting, for their housing. Loss, of housing, for them, is, effectively, a death sentence & there is not even 1, more suitable place, for them, to find housing. I have argued, for transitional or permanent, effectively safe housing, for our unsheltered neighbors, for years, but, in your greater wisdom, you continue to ignore mine. I have been crying, for these people, our unsheltered neighbors, daily, for years, since I discovered, how almost every policy & law, in Oregon, works against any recovery our unsheltered neighbors may seek & that's, who they are, our neighbors, who are unsheltered. For God's sake & the sake of a moral society, please open your eyes, to reality, & vote "No," against this horrifyingly deadly House Bill. For every chance a landlord gives a tenant, most learn, how they are expected, to behave, & the consequences, of their failure, & it WILL take more than 3 times.