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I support evidence-based, dignity-centered solutions - not policies that punish people for surviving a housing crisis. There is an affordable housing shortage in Oregon especially in our cities. Enforcement first costs money that would be better spent on providing services like eviction protection, rental assistance, substance use disorder treatment, mental & behavioral health treatment, case management, and building MORE affordable housing.

I am a family physician who has worked with substance abuse and behavior medical issues and primary care to low income population in Portland. I worked at the county health clinic in the 2010s and saw first hand people being evicted from rentals they had lived in for 20 year because property owners raised rents exorbitantly.

Houselessness is not the problem. It is the Result of Systemic issues that will be made worse by legislation that only takes people off the streets but closes it's eyes to the causes.