

## **GRANTS PASS RULING**

Public Statement

Today, the Supreme Court issued a ruling that will undoubtedly lead to active harm, increased stigma & further traumatization of unhoused communities broadly. At the center of this ruling is the argument that penalizing unhoused people for camping outside is not cruel or unusual.

Punishing people for acts of survival is cruel, and unfortunately, this decision empowers local municipalities to stand confidently in that cruelty. In a time when protections for vulnerable people are sparse, this ruling is devastating. The criminalization of unhoused people will only create more barriers to the services so desperately needed to support their access to housing (and other) services.

At Loaves & Fishes, we stand firmly with our vulnerable, unhoused neighbors, and we will be here to support their survival in the wake of this ruling.

In an environment of welcome, hospitality, safety, and cleanliness we seek to provide an oasis for homeless men, women, and children seeking survival services.