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The homeless encampments that form across Portland cause increased littering and danger to those walking or driving in the areas where homeless decide to set up their tents. I've seen needles, human feces and stolen vehicles in these encampments and without regular sweeping this would cause even more harm and danger to neighborhoods across the Portland metro area. Please consider more sustainable options like better mental health care for these individuals, more attainable housing options and education so they can get back into the workforce and self sustain themselves rather than offering up more places for them to camp out in public places.