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As a retired Psychologist, I have worked with addicts. Treatment was well funded in the 70s. As a human being, my heart breaks whenever I see other humans sleeping on the cold wet sidewalks. As a tax payer, I am sick of my city government harassing the homeless from place to place and doing very little to solve the situation.

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The US incarcerates more people per capita than any other nation. Oregon is doing the right thing to decriminalize drug use. We need to be patient. It takes more time to help people heal than to throw them in a prison cell. We can do this.

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This is a statewide issue, not just a "city problem" -- I know you understand this, and I really hope you can convince your colleagues from more rural areas that a true person-centered and holistic treatment model is imperative. The go-to of incarceration only creates greater harm for us all.

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