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As a resident of Oregon and Portland for the last 23 years I am strongly opposed to this bill. We have watched the quality of life in Portland deteriorate over the last several years. I just filed my taxes and my wife and I are paying a lot for services that the City has failed to provide for, including clean and safe streets. We have watched business shut down due to the ongoing crisis that has taken over our streets. People no longer feel safe walking or biking on streets that are full of encampments, piles of trash, stolen goods, spent drug needles, and houseless people that need mental and addiction services. How will this bill help with these conditions?

As someone who works downtown I regularly see the deterioration of our streets, inability to walk on sidewalks, trash and feces, graffiti, houseless people exposing themselves and using drugs openly in public. This city is becoming unlivable and this bill would enable more of these activities. My children don't feel safe walking to school or using trimet as they have been harassed or there are camps adjacent to trimet stops that make them feel unsafe. This bill would increase that effect.

How is this bill going to help the ongoing crisis? It will just enable more of what we are already seeing. There needs to be real solutions and less enablement. By supporting this bill you are taking away the ability of so many to be able to enjoy our city.