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This bill is absolute insanity. The citizens of Portland are tired of the crime and trash. Stop the enabling and get these people into treatment programs. My spouse and I have spent a lot of time traveling in the past year to try and find a new place to relocate (Phoenix suburb next week, Boston last Fall). We no longer feel like we get what we pay for in taxes. We don't ride the Max anymore due to crime and don't go downtown anymore for the same reason. We invite friends to stay with us when we winter in Palm Springs, but we turn people away when they ask to come to Portland. If this passes, I'm sure even more businesses and residence will leave. You guys need to read the room. I have been a lifelong democrat, but I have never seen the level of incompetence in our elected officials. Up to a few years ago, Portland was a utopia for us, now is a sad embarrassment. I truly am sad that I can no longer enjoy this once beautiful and safe city. Please vote this down.

Thank you for your time.