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I think that by allowing this bill to pass, Portland would be sweeping the homeless problem under the rug as opposed to resolving the issue. The problem with sweeping issues under the rug, is that eventually they will pop out again. Portland deserves to be a nice, and safe community. I am not insensitive to the situation that homeless people find themselves in. They should be supported with the proper help, and mental health treatment that they need. Ultimately, they need help getting off the streets. If this bill passes, the homeless problem will continue to get worse and this area will likely implode due to the rising homeless and crime.