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As someone who has lived in the City of Portland for 6 years, I have seen the homeless issue continue to grow at an unsustainable rate. My neighbors and I have seen countless instances of people buying, selling, and using drugs all throughout our neighborhood. We have made reports, we have contacted the city, and in some more serious instances, we have contacted the authorities. I have a young child at home who should not be subject to the trash and drug paraphernalia that is left on the sidewalk in front of my home. The city has done such a poor job at "managing" this issue, we should not be writing more laws into effect that would further detriment the tax-paying homeowners of this city. We need a solution that offers the homeless population help via drug treatment, rehabilitation, and compassion. This bill does not do that. It offers them a free ticket to continue using and ruining the city for the rest of us. The lawmakers in this state, city, and county have completely fumbled the opportunity to handle this issue in a manner than actually benefits anyone. I oppose this bill and you should to.