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This bill is a bad idea. Camping on our streets has created nothing but problems for nearly a decade now. It's a public health crisis as well as an economic nightmare for the city. We have already created an industrial complex of "experts and consultants" who take money to offer solutions that never address the main problem of having the infrastructure in place to deal with mental illness and allowing law enforcement to do the job they are hired to do. Past efforts have created rampant drug use, theft, and neighborhoods that now longer have hope or faith in getting any action to clean up Portland. I have lived here all my life and now have to tell people I live in a cesspool of crime and filth. I pay my ever rising property taxes for what? My grown children struggle to pay rents and to purchase housing. Where is their/our thousand dollars? I go to the grocery store and watch as people shoplift with impunity. Mentally ill or not, it is not right. Don't continue to enable this cycle of doom by throwing tents and money down the sewer that has become our city.