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I am opposed to this new act. I voted for people in our recent primary who had spoken in favor of making camping in the city illegal and now I see a new bill being proposed that would give campers even more rights. I honestly don't know what our city government is thinking and as a lifelong Portlander I am beginning to grow exasperated. Right now I have a couple living out of their cars that has attracted as of now four tents. I watch drug deals multiple times a day. There is now garbage everywhere. I have a two year old son and I no longer feel safe. I did not feel this way several years ago. That's as a resident of the city. I'm also a small business owner. In the one year I've been open I've been vandalized twice and I count myself lucky compared to other business owners by me. I know this is a deeply unpopular bill and I hope the people I voted into office do the right thing. I will not vote for them again if it does.