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In a city where this is already happening nearly everywhere, mostly outside of the bounds of neighborhoods, to decriminalize and allow this to be 'anywhere' and 'everywhere' all the time would be a complete disaster. With the tent sites in North Portland (as an example) it's driving unhoused folks to continue to up the ante on crime by stealing from nearby grocery stores and causing a ruckus among nearby neighbors by stepping onto private properties to steal cars, rummaging through recycling bins, and breaking into homes, on top of many other things. If this bill is passed, this would essentially allow anyone and everyone (addicted to drugs or not) to be 'within' the neighborhoods which could spike up crime in/around homes with small children and near schools. Is this a joke?? How can this city (and state) continue to throw out these totally wild bills and think there will be no consequences for it? Not everyone lives in a fancy neighborhood like most government officials do. Instead, on top of the police force not being in place for quick & sudden attention when in danger, it's on the neighbors to learn to defend and de-escalate situations on their OWN. If this bill passes, more individuals will buy guns and other modes of defense for protection, crime will reach an all-time high, and more people will get shot in defense, which will be much more than is seen now. It goes without saying that if this bill passes and word spreads, many that find out about it will be moving to Portland, Oregon very quickly to cash in on the \$1,000 a month + tent freedom. Keep in mind, crack is cheap, that's like a fortune to unhoused folks who truly don't want to immerse themselves into society and continue forward with their drug addiction and sleep on the streets.

Portland, Oregon WHAT ARE YOU DOING? Local government officials, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?