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Oregon needs to have strict penalties for using illegal drugs in public! This is not a victimless crime. We had 1700 people die of overdoses last year. They are the victims. We had 7000 calls to 911 in Portland for overdoses. They are the victims. Those who have a medical emergency and can't get an ambulance because there are too many overdose calls, they are the victims. Our kids are victims if they can't go downtown with their friends because it's full of open air drug markets. Letting drug addicts and dealers take over entire neighborhoods without consequences, while those who work and pay taxes have to stay afraid in their homes and have their businesses driven out of business by criminal activity is life in an upside down world. Let's get control of our neighborhoods again by arresting those who do hard drugs out in the open, and connect them with treatment with a chance to clean up their record if they stay clean.