

I support this bill because I don't believe that anybody has the god-given right to take away another person's right to rest in their home. If we live here, this is our home. If it's public property and we are part of the public, that in itself would suggest that we have the right to occupy the area, as long as we are not inhibiting others from occupying the area. We are a portion of the public and there's more important things that police should be focusing on than restricting someone from resting where they live. Police are designed to assist members of the community to living in a safe and healthy environment, not to decide who is allowed to live and how they should live, so long as their intent is not to harm others. I live in one of the safest and cleanest places, but people are scared to come here because the news makes this look like a scary place. I've been all over Portland and this is one of the safest and friendliest places I've lived. If you take away the people who are keeping this place safe, that will create a worse problem. I've been keeping this place safe since I got here, and I won't quit.