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This legislation would devastate a state already in turmoil. The continued lack of accountability for members of our community who choose to pillage the public resources so many of us contribute to through taxes, acts of volunteering, and so many other avenues is a slap in the face of civility. These individuals pose a risk to the public safety of our communities not only by the repeated assaults and property crimes, but also through creating conditions that threaten public health.

Oregon is one of the most beautiful places on the planet and we have a populace that prides itself on taking drastic measures to preserve its natural resources and fight climate change. The communities residing in tents are a major source of litter and oil spills. Does that seem climate-friendly to anyone?

On top of that, there is absolutely nothing kind in the act of allowing another human being to rot on the streets in a tent. If this is the best that we as a community can come up with then I think it may be time for my family and I to leave.