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Hello, while I do agree all citizens deserve equal rights. I do not agree with the decriminalization of camping in public places. What recourse do other citizens have if homeless individuals set up camp in a public place next to their businesses, homes, or schools? There have been numerous documented cases of harassment, open drug use, or general cleanliness of camps negatively impacting the quality of life for the rest of the public. What are their protections? Do they not also have the right to access clean and safe public spaces? Do business owners not have the right to operate their businesses without open drug use or disgusting camps next door? Instead of making it easier to be homeless. Focus your efforts on making it easier to not be homeless. Oregon citizens are tired of the drug and homeless epidemic. The longer this drags on the more public opinion will continue to sour on this issue.