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With the dysfunctional rollout of measure 110, one can see what is thought of as compassionate legislation has turned into a chaotic mess. The brunt of the impact of poorly thought out bills such as this one, are usually restricted to certain areas within Portland and some surrounding areas. If the behavior is not happening on your doorstep, then it is fine to legislate your neighbors to bear the burden of poorly thought out decisions. Our parks, natural areas, sidewalks, near schools, and basically anywhere you can pitch a tent have been inundated with semi permanent structures surrounding by trash, stolen goods, needles, foil, and feces. I would say that unless the supporters of this bill pledge to host a homeless camp in front of their own houses for a year or two, you should not expect the rest of use to deal with the repercussions of your unintended consequences. The social experiment of progressive change in terms of non-enforcement of laws and allowing dug use, whenever and wherever one wants, has hastened the death of the core of Portland and has been spreading outwards. It is time for a change and that is stopping the pathological compassion which is allowing the homeless to die in the streets in filth and squalor. Do not pass this bill, as it will just hasten the flight of taxpaying citizens out of what was once a vibrant city and is turning into an post apocalyptic hellscape.