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Allowing public camping is not a solution we can consider long term. We should provide short term shelter with requirements of sobriety, mental health assistance, and work requirements. Individuals receiving significant benefits must work for them by helping clean the city, cleaning graffiti, helping repair our roads, landscaping parks and public spaces to build work experience and skills to be reintroduced into society. They should be taught the value of roommates and sharing rent to make living affordable (as many have done to avoid homelessness while working for minimum wage). If Oregon becomes a safe haven for homelessness and camping that asks nothing in return we will attract more homeless people, costs will rise, taxes will continue to get worse for the working class and the state will lose the working people it desperately needs to support it. We are all on edge about staying here without real solutions.