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It is astonishing to me that further impediments to solving the homeless problem are even being suggested. While this is the kind of thing that may have sounded good 10+ years ago, by now it's so tragically clear where this sort of policy gets us...rampant crime, trash everywhere, literal shit on the streets and simultaneous methamphetamine, fentanyl and mental health crisis' that fuel all of the above.

Put bluntly, Portland has become a horrible, dangerous place to live and work. One business after another is closing and there is no end in sight. This kind of policy only inspires hopelessness among those of us who want a clean, reasonably safe and thriving city...those of us, needless to say, who fund this city and states' operations. It erodes our rights and gives them to an amorphous population that, on a daily basis, proves itself to be unmanageable.