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This bill is coming off the back of years of a homelessness pandemic in Portland. Instead of fixing the problem, this bill proposes to do more of the same: camping.

This bill allows a population leaving used needles and human waste in the streets of Portland to continue just that. I have been chased by homeless people and do not feel safe anymore. I've heard the same sentiments from every single person I've spoken with.

What we need are psychiatric treatment centers that can help with drug concerns and psychiatric conditions. We need affordable housing. That would be an actual solution. This is not a solution. Nobody wants this that I've spoken with.