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Portland has experienced a swift decline with even REI leaving the city, a perfect fit for Portlanders who love hiking. Public parks and sidewalks have a designated public use, that if family enjoyment of green spaces and of safe walking and shopping. If these places are full of tents and many of those tent users have serious mental illness and/or drug addiction issues, this city of ours will die. It is already on life support but this bill will attract people from all over the country. I have no problem with designated tent areas in the country with busing providing for day trips into the city. This is what Paris does to protect their city from decline. China has a law that protects family housing units for being sold to speculators and landlords for the first six months that a property is listed and that would free up and reduce housing costs. I would drop TANF in favor of fully funding housing assistance and capping rates at a higher level. There are other solutions that don't create more reasons for residents to stay away from Portland.