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On Behalf Of:

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I live in Portland. I have been open to such thinking in the past until public camping invaded my neighborhood. Multiple problems arose: noise, garbage, human waste, rats, drug use, theft, a chop shop, fires, broken windows, mental breakdowns (from street campers and tax paying residents). Long time neighbors moved away. Local stores closed due to theft and vandalism. I live by a tiny village whose residents have been good neighbors; however, it has attracted street camping. I assume the homeless think we are open to them being there since we allowed the tiny village. We also have schools, churches, a Greenway, and a Safe Route to School that has been impacted. Whoever is bringing this legislation to a vote has not lived in or near a neighborhood where the land use has been invaded. Homeless/Houseless individuals camping are ruining our neighborhoods. It is not a human right to threaten another persons safety, property, lively hood, or community with camping. I would like to thank PBOT for assisting my neighborhood during these challenging times. I would also like to thank you for providing an opportunity to share my experience. Sincerely, Sue in St Johns