

We recently moved out of inner SE Portland due to encampments. Many parts of the city no longer felt family friendly. Our children walked through growing camps to reach the library, stepping over needles, while individuals slept next to unleashed dogs. My children eventually began asking to stay home from the library.

This is just one snapshot of Portland's deterioration, one of many circumstances that propelled us out of a neighborhood we loved. Policies like the one you currently propose further enable a lack of accountability, do nothing to help move the homeless towards shelter, and harm business owners, and neighborhood residents in the meantime. Unsanctioned camping is bad for all.