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At a time when things are approaching catastrophic levels in Portland and other Oregon cities due to prior failed measures such as Measure 110, the sponsors of this measure, legislators Farrah Chaichi and Khanh Pham think that further making it more difficult for citizens to deal with unsanctioned campsites in Oregon is the best way to go. This measure basically transfers the responsibility that government has on this massive issue of drug addiction, crime and homelessness facing the state today. This is the state washing its hands and closing any legal options for its citizens dealing with the crime, drug abuse and lawlessness associated with unsanctioned camping in Oregon.

This would allow anyone to live anywhere school yards parks in front of business anywhere for as long as they wish. We already have business shutting down people living due to the crisis that has been created. Very few of the campers when asked admit to being residents of this area. Most openly admit coming to do their drugs openly and camp anywhere do what they want as they are living free. This would destroy what little remains of a community.