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I am shocked that this bill is under consideration. Downtown Portland is already unrecognizable. I love to walk and discover new businesses and new corners of my city. I can no longer do so safely. It is scary to simply walk from my car to a restaurant. With this bill there is nothing to stop someone from pitching a tent between my house and my car. Portland will become a city I cannot live in or recommend that anyone else even visit. In addition, with camping comes pollution in many forms. In addition to the garbage and human feces, there is noise pollution. My husband has an office downtown. It shocks me when I visit in the middle of the day and campers outside are playing loud music. It is extremely disruptive. While this is unacceptable downtown, this bill would make it legal for people to have a continuous party right in front of my house, or my 90 year old father's house. More tents and camping is not the solution. Please, do the hard work you are elected to do and find a solution that citizens can actually live with.