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This measure may be well-intended, but in logical reality it is absurd. People experiencing homelessness include some who have lost housing through economic or social issues not their fault, but many, I suspect most, are there by choice because they are addicts with almost no legal or socially responsible ways to support themselves. So they take advantage of the responsibility vacuum among elected officials and are parasites, stealing and vandalizing a recently beautiful, vibrant city to the point of repugnance.

Our ostensibly competent elected officials need to see that giving the least-responsible members of the community more privilege and even \$1000 payoffs (you could drug yourself for x-days on that! Make it happen!) will contribute to responsible businesses' and citizens' despair, further eroding the capability of the greater Portland area to sustain itself.

Every child should learn that with privilege comes responsibility. If so many people from around the country make the decision to come here because of free and easy drug use due to Measure 110, they MUST do it under personal responsibility, not by destroying the infrastructure and lives who contribute to a viable living space.

I am absolutely a liberal, having seen the truth of the right wing myth during two tours in combat, but I have not lost my senses. It appears that Portland's and Multnomah County's governments have completely lost any sense of what is sustainable. Get a clue and flush this bill down the sewer.

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