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On Behalf Of:

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I've done some research and see that you're sponsoring a horribly irresponsible bill. There are reasons that it's a criminal act to camp on most public lands; in my opinion, it infringes on others who want to enjoy the lands. Specifically, others that pay taxes and are productive members of society. This is NOT a viable option in alleviating the "homeless crisis".

I will be testifying against this, even though I don't live in Portland, but I travel through there on a regular basis to visit friends and family. I spend a portion of my hard earned money in the Portland area. Ratifying camping won't fix anything at all; if nothing else, it will tell the existing campers that "it's ok" with no sense of urgency to find gainful employment, permanent housing, etc.

What is your plan to mitigate all of the solid waste, including biohazards like feces and needles, from these campers?

Do better.

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