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I fear this bill would make our playgrounds a hazard of drug paraphernalia. I already hesitate to let my kids go in certain sections of our park.

I fear this bill would continue to gut the Portland downtown and threaten the commercial base of our economy. Our businesses already struggle to maintain a welcoming space.

I fear this bill would further the destruction and contamination of waterways and ecologies. Cities should be able to zone for areas of allowed human occupancy.

I fear this bill would make parks inaccessible with permanent RV installations around the perimeter and the cooking fires, tarp sprawl, and literal trash that accompany them.

I fear this bill would make my family feel less safe walking the neighborhood, where we are already learning to detour around the rattle of a shopping cart or incoherent ramblings of addiction while clutching personal protection in our pockets.

We need ways to move people into designated rest areas with focused and efficient services and interventions. We don't need to enable their addictions in our public parks, vital commercial districts, and precious few remaining natural ecosystems.