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While I agree that people do not lose their rights when they lose their home, I do not believe that it translates into a right to establish a residence in a public space. While some campers in Portland are largely law-abiding, encampments are clearly health hazards to people who should be able to enjoy public spaces and through ways, as well as venues for public drug use, theft, and sadly violence. Encoding these encampments into state law would be a grievous error and certainly hasten my and others' departure from this state.