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I am extremely against this for multiple reasons, my biggest one being safety as a woman I constantly worry about being followed home or stalked. This enables them to camp out on my sidewalk without facing any repercussions, we are enabling bad people to do bad things. We have a homeless problem in downtown portland. They light fires, they steal from your cars, taking your identity and your belongings. This happens without it being legal for them to camp on your sidewalk, or outside of your car. Crime rates will skyrocket if this bill is to come to pass. The people taking advantage of this bill are not psychologically safe or sound. Most of them are on drugs, they don't function like normal humans should, they poop on the side walk they litter, essentially ruining a city that was once beautiful. I hope you take this into consideration when thinking about passing this bill. Your citizens safety and your crime rates and nice cities and parks are all at risk.