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In Portland, the solution is not more sidewalk and park tent camping. It's less. Why would anyone choose to visit a city, its businesses and theaters if they have to dodge used needles, human feces, garbage and troubled and dangerous drug addicts? Why would someone open a storefront or restaurant in that environment? You simply can't allow people to set up tents wherever they see fit.

Downtown Portland has become a dark, foreboding place. Drive thru sometime. Look at all the boarded businesses. If you allow camping wherever, the few safe and desirable pockets left in this city will disappear.

This bill takes the easy way out to a problem you're unable or unwilling to fix for the good of ALL our citizens.

Please realize if you turn Portland into an all-access tent city, we won't have a city left.