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On Behalf Of:

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I have lived here my whole life. I have had more and more interactions with homeless people along the river path and all of those interactions have been uncomfortable or scary. I am now changing my life and avoiding public places I love because homeless people pitch their tent wherever they'd like and no one does anything. I don't feel safe in my many places in my hometown due to the homeless camps multiplying. I used to enjoy visiting Portland for a shopping day, theater or Moda Center event, or just a getaway. I now avoid Portland because of the homeless camps. I've voted Democrat my whole life and I'm frankly quite close to voting for the opposite party due to this issue. I believe the lawmakers have the absolute wrong read on what the Democratic voters in Oregon want on this topic. Do better, or in the next election cycles this state might just turn red.