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Our metro area faces an alarming addiction and mental health crisis, as well as a law enforcement crisis. Homelessness needs to be addressed and combatted by our government comprehensively and on a grand scale. The homelessness situation should be the number one priority that the government addresses. Businesses have shuttered because of it, employees are afraid to come back to work, tourists and residents alike do not want to come into Portland anymore. There is trash everywhere, human waste, and dangerous drug paraphernalia all over. Legalizing camping and tents in public places will only exacerbate this issue. This is not a humane way to go about solving the homelessness crisis. We should not be satisfied until no one must live in inhumane conditions on our streets. Why should tax paying residents have to endure these already dangerous conditions while others can camp out and live where they please without paying taxes? It makes absolutely no sense. I vehemently and respectfully oppose HB 3501.