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My name is Grant Engrav, a resident of Portland. Over the last 2 years, I've watched the brother of one of my closest friends, slip into psychosis, and despite the most supportive and caring family, they cannot meaningfully help the brother. He won't take medication because he doesn't trust it. Despite multiple incidents, at least one arrest, and many, many scares of self and other harm, judges will not civilly commit him. There was a great series on this by the WSJ, about the lawyer who became homeless. As a lawyer, I understand the importance of due process, and the severity of civil commitment, but the reality in modern day society is that many folks suffering from this illness will not improve unless made to. It's hard, but true.