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We are law-abiding, taxpaying citizens and we have a right to use the public spaces our tax dollars pay for. How is it fair to business owners, renters and home owners to have someone or a group sleeping on the sidewalk in front of their space? This is a huge safety concern. This is why so many businesses and families have left Oregon and will continue to do so.

Purchasing a home in a neighborhood with a park used to increase the desirability of the home, now we avoid those areas because our priority must be the safety of our children.

Oregon is creating an environment where the homeless are flocking here from other states. Our leaders are not listening to the voters. We said in the last election cycle that we want the homeless crisis addressed. That does not include making it easier to be homeless in Oregon. We are deeply disappointed that a bill like this is being introduced, and hope to see the focus of our leaders placed in areas that can benefit more Oregonians for the better.