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I and my entire family are adamantly opposed to this bill! Obviously those proposing this bill have not been personally affected by the homeless setting up camp outside their own home, neighborhood, park, school or place of business. The human waste, crime, stolen junk piling up, delirium, yelling at all hours, and dangerous used drug needles everywhere. And this bill proposes giving them more rights than me, a home owner paying all the taxes for homeless programs and your salaries by the way.

ARE YOU KIDDING ME!!! Being in real estate I can tell you that the number one reason our sellers are listing their PDX homes for sale is to get out of this homeless and crime ridden city. One of the reasons more homeless are coming to PDX and being bused in from other cities is because PDX is known for allowing camping just about anywhere. And now you want to give them even more legal protection to do just that? If so, I am going to be the next one to list and sell my house. A family member working in the social service sector explains that you have to give only two options for homelessness: illegal to camp, or take advantage of assistance programs. If they are given the option to camp and live on the street, they will. If the only other option is to use city shelters and programs, they will or they will leave and go to another city that allows them to live outside without consequences. Take a look at other communities who offer just these two choices as a solid example of how to handle this issue and find solutions for the marginalized in our community.