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I've owned a home in Eugene which is adjacent to a park for 22 years. My family is TOTALLY AGAINST allowing free camping in any park or street within city limits. We pay an extraordinary amount of property tax to support schools, police and city services. Our neighborhood is already plagued daily by burglary and car thefts. We recently found a person sleeping on our porch in fenced backyard. He didn't know where he was or how he got there.

The city must protect us and set aside specific sanitary areas for homeless people to camp where they have access mental health and drug addiction programs.

For our elected officials to just GIVE UP our neighborhoods to unmedicated mentally ill and drug users in this House bill is a complete abrogation of your responsibility. We demand that you govern responsibly and protect your citizens and their property from this ever growing invasion that is destroying our cities.