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My neighborhood is surrounded by unsafe homeless encampments. I feel extremely vulnerable even walking my kids around in a stroller, especially when encampments encroach on sidewalk space. There are unbelievable amounts of trash, destroyed vegetation, needles, and other hazards that devalue our community and hinder the enjoyment of our once clean, beautiful city. Any legislation that makes these dangerous camps a permanent feature needs to be adamantly opposed. Otherwise, the tax paying citizens of our city will be left with few choices beyond moving out. I hoped to live in Portland to raise my family but if these camps become beyond removal by law, I will not be able to raise my children in safety. Please do not allow this to happen!

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