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As a mother, I enjoy taking my child to the park. I hold this place sacred for my child's youth and I feel it is one of the last places I can take him without vandalism, trash, needles, violence, or homeless who are on drugs or drunk. Please do not let this pass! Children need to be outdoors, and with everything that COVID took away from us this last year, the parks are one place that children can be children. There is nothing like the joy of a child on a swing or going down a slide. Most kids living in Portland do not have the space that a park provides to play outside of their own homes, so the park is a much needed outlet. If this passes I would have to stop taking my child to the park.

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