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I sympathize with the homeless that have no other recourse but to live on the streets and in camps. Who is to say that with a twist of fate anyone of us could have had no place to call home. I see many veterans homeless. I'm a Vietnam veteran and many of my brothers who served were not as lucky as I. No one deserves to have to live on the streets. Opening up all parks and open spaces should not be the way to fix the problem. I don't know what the answer is but opening the parks up to camping will have a huge negative effect on the city of Portland. People come from all over the U.S. and world to see our beautiful city. Even though the majority of homeless are non-violent there is a percentage that bring in drugs and crime. Many parks are next to schools and would make parents very uncomfortable to have to have their children walk past these camps. Please do not take this dramatic and dangerous measure. Please try to find a different solution.

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