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I live on SE 35th Avenue Southeast NEAR Belmont and Yamhill and we are overwhelmed with the houseless population. They are in the park in the school area. We are no longer able to really use the park as it has become a home for people. The condo building that I'm in has been broken into consistently, people camp be in our boiler room, turn off the equipment. Folks from the camp, we have video, breaking into the storage lockers. People defaecating and urinating all around the neighbourhood and garbage as far as the eye can see it is overwhelming. I recognise it is very difficult for the houseless there are several people in the camp who appear to be seriously mentally disassociated and I cannot believe they can make healthy decisions for themselves and it just seems like we don't care . I can't imagine we would leave somebody who was physically injured bleeding on the street but we leave people who are mentally injured on the street and we say that's humane. People were allowed to stay out during the cold snap and some people loss extremities like fingers and toes because they were not well enough mentally to make a decision and yet we let them we leave them there's something wrong here any can't continue to go on like this.

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