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I and thousands other's that have resided in this state are furious that this is even a option dealing with the homeless in Oregon.. nobody besides the general law abiding citizens that live in this once gorgeous state seem to care that any place you go into the Portland metro area see's nothing but garbage, tents, abandoned vehicles, and drug consumption created by the homeless.. Most of the people that are homeless don't want to fix there current situation and our public leaders want to force it down our throat that it is now our problem.. Every time the homeless get away with what they are doing the rise in crime (theft, vandalism, drug consumption, rape, disorderly conduct, assaults, murder, and littering become even more of a issue) I have talked with multiple law enforcement agencies in this state and others that have told me that Portland and Oregon are laughing stocks in the nation because there hands are tied from the government running this state.. Myself and thousands others don't agree with what you are trying to do is the right direction for the homeless.. why not trying to allow the police officers to do there job and Enforcing the law should be the direction to go not push them and more like them into places that the tax paying citizens of this state like to enjoy there free time!! Better yet why don't the Portland city council open there neighborhoods and property to the homeless to reside??

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