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We need to end street camping now. Nobody is safe. Not the homeless, nor the hardworking citizens of Portland.

Giving homeless people tents, tarps and sleeping bags is not the answer. The drug use continues as well as the theft. Every week I see strung out people; either shooting up on the sidewalk, or pushing a shopping cart full of stolen stuff (including the shopping cart). As long as we enable them to continue this lifestyle nothing will change.

Use the city funds now to clean up our streets and stop this. Now is the time. The drug addicted and the mentally ill, need our help.

We cannot continue the status quo.

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