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I fully support the BAN of unsanctioned camping throughout the entire state of Oregon. I quit my job last year in Downtown Portland partly because I was so emotionally devastated by seeing all the people suffering on the streets, zombie looking people using the bathroom in the middle of crosswalks, feces sprayed on wall of parking garage, people screaming all day and open air drug markets. I was not able to safely leave building alone to get lunch and the final straw was a 65 year old woman who laid in front of our office urinating and defecating all over herself for 2 days. After I called (on day 1), staff from various organizations came and talked to her, but she would not move and just laid wrapped in a blanket of human waste. That is absolute dereliction of duty for a city to allow people to camp on a street in front anywhere! Personal rights and freedoms have been vastly misinterpreted to allow this to consume our city and our ecologically sensitive areas too. NO MORE FREEDOM CAMPING!