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I was born and raised in the city of Portland, and have worked in a church in SE Portland for over 30 years. I volunteer regularly with programs to help feed the hungry and shelter families.

Please enforce the no camping laws and end illegal camping on city streets, sidewalks and hike and bike paths including the I205 bike path and springwater corridor. Inhumane living conditions should not be allowed. The people camping outdoors are under duress, and in no condition, emotionally or mentally, to make healthy decisions. Allowing this lifestyle is not doing anyone any favors or helping anyone. It promotes a downward spiral and encourages a life of drug use and living in filth and squalor.

Providing and mandating shelter space with wrap-around services will do much more to help people who are the poorest of the poor in our city and give them a chance to improve their lives.

Allowing people to continue to camp on our streets and sidewalks is an affront to their dignity.

Sincerely,

Sharon Grigar