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I am VERY MUCH IN FAVOR of the proposal to ban homeless camps and street camping proposed by Mayor Wheeler.

We URGENTLY need to approve the funding and to provide housing alternatives, and then require the houseless to use it according to state law.

I am trying to come into our offices in NW Portland, I am trying to frequent downtown businesses, I am trying to not be fearful when passing rows of tents while I am downtown or anywhere else in the city, and I am trying to feel empathy for the city and state leaders trying to tackle this. **The tent encampments are not safe for the people living in them.**

Another long season of cold and wet is upon us. Please, let's hurry this up.

Signed:

Your average white, liberal, and lucky Portland native,  
Carrie Poust