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I have just learned by watching the local news that you are having hearings , one today at 2:00 where the public can join and speak about the uncontrolled homeless problem. I am to late to sign up for the opportunity to speak at this hearing so I would like to give you my opinion by this written email. First of all I have a question that I really hope after reading this, you will start to address this question in the news and to the public. I have not heard once in all of the media on this subject , where these people who are homeless are from, are they all Oregon residents or Washington residents where I live and am seeing the problem now here. We know that years ago when this started, the talk was that people were coming from other states , even bussed to Portland because of the opportunity to be homeless was more welcoming then the states that they came from.

I'm not at all against helping people who have become homeless because of a hard situation, I have a different opinion for those who choose to be homeless because of drugs and crime. It seems to me the more we keep getting the word out of providing homeless camps and not making it illegal to pitch a tent where ever, what's to stop anyone from coming to our State, city?? How do you know how many that are here are residents? Why don't you ever address this question? What are the requirements for providing these people our help?? I have just returned from Washington DC and Manhattan's NYC and I didn't see any homeless problem like we have here, the cities were clean, well kept , no graffiti anywhere. I don't understand why our beautiful Portland, and State has become the place where anyone can come with no laws. I am totally against a camp that has 500 homeless people in it, think of the management of that let alone the space of what that will look like. We will known as the state that has large homeless camps rather then what Oregon used to be known for " the cleanest most environmental, leading the way of all that is good.

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