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Hello,

I am writing to express my strong disagreement with Portland City Council's decision to vote on whether to pause business with Texas until their current abortion restrictions are lifted.

First, I believe the council is operating from the assumption that this strategy is desired by the people of Portland. The impact this may have on Portland citizens requires strong and thorough public engagement. Thoughtful leadership requires a clear understanding of the desires of the people. I have not seen evidence of this.

Second, I believe that our country deeply needs leadership that will seek cooperation and collaboration, even in the midst of strong disagreement. Portland can do the work of expressing a clear disapproval while modeling healthy co- American working relationships, or we can again model the harm that comes from operating out of outrage and division.

I urge the council to be exceedingly thoughtful in this matter.

Thank you,

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