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Dear Mayor and Commissioners:

My family and I are native Oregonians and Portland residents for more than 50 years. The taxes we all pay (both personal and business) were once thoughtfully used to keep Portland and all of its residents in an environment that was envious to many living outside of Oregon. Now, it pains me to see our once beautiful city turn into what it is today. I am writing to urge bolder action to fix the big problems facing the City of Portland. Every local and state elected official who represents Portland is responsible and accountable to uphold our combined and diverse community values. Please act now to help bring Portland back and keep its residents and visitors safe.

A. Reform and reinvest in public safety. Portland is more dangerous with more serious crime every day. Trust between the community and police is going down while the complexity of public safety challenges is going up. We must ensure safety and restore trust.

- 1) Immediately prioritize and fund hiring more officers to ensure Portland has a sufficient, well-trained police bureau for a city our size.
- 2) Require body cameras on all police to improve transparency, accountability, and justice for those who enforce the law and those who break it.
- 3) Expand the non-police Portland Street Response to engage those experiencing homelessness, mental health, and addiction challenges.
- 4) While respecting the right to peacefully protest, prosecute those who engage in violence and vandalism.

Also, please clean-up the garbage, waste, and graffiti across the city. Portland is a beautiful city that, sadly, has never looked worse. Garbage, toxic waste, drug paraphernalia and graffiti has been allowed to accumulate all-across the city – creating fire, environmental and public health problems. Volunteer clean-ups are inspirational and deeply valued, but professional sanitation is an expected basic function of government.

Sincerely

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