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I would like to strongly encourage the full Portland City Council to support the public safety investment package being discussed on November 10th. I would also encourage a positive vote in support of the housing outreach services and impact reduction.

These are two separate issues and should not be equated. Houselessness does not directly equate to crime and other risks to public safety. There are many organizations and communities working to address houselessness. Please support that work.

In the meantime, the City has seriously ignored their responsibility to assure the safety of its communities. Please do not sit by when citizens of your city are afraid to walk on the streets and when they refuse to go to important medical appointments for fear of being verbally and physically assaulted. Calls to city police and services consistently go unanswered or without appropriate response due to the lack of staffing. Please return adequate police to our community.

Thank you,
James Harker

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