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To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
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Good morning-

I am writing to express support for the City Council to approve the Fall Budget Package with monies for the homeless and money for additional police officers. The city of Portland is in crisis, and it is past time that City Leaders and leaders in the community come together and fix these problems. The city is no longer safe, and homeless issues do not only affect the folks without a home-they affect the members of the community, businesses, and visitors to our once great city. It is unconscionable in a modern society to allow citizens of a major metropolitan city to live without shelter and be forced to live in filth. It is unreasonable to let crime and graffiti run rampant, destroying the foundation of safety and security. The consequences of not dealing with these problems are simply destroying the livability of our city.

I urge all in leadership of the city to approve the monies needed to ensure the safety, livability, and health of our city.

Thank you for working together to agree on these urgent investments to address our homelessness, livability and public safety crises. Please vote to approve the fall budget package. Please continue to work together and act with urgency to implement the critical programs and service improvements these dollars will pay for.

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