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Dear members of Portland City Council – As a Portland business leader with 500 employees, I strongly encourage you to approve budget increases to our Portland Police Bureau for additional staffing up to 200 officers and for purchase of body cameras. I also support you allocating extra business license fees to partner with Multnomah County to fund immediate solutions and programs for our homeless, especially those who are vulnerable and need medical assistance.

Deteriorating public safety from street violence with guns and crimes associated with homelessness have deeply impacted the patients and staff members of The Portland Clinic. Combined with the incredible challenges of dealing with COVID, our business' future has been clouded after nearly 100 years of serving Portlanders.

We ask you to take immediate action and approve these funding requests to help make Portland recover and thrive again.

Dick Clark, CEO  
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