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Hello, my name is elaine skinner and I currently own a home and live in zip code 97215, and have lived in 97209 for the last 4 years and have been a resident of Portland for over a decade, and I also run my small business in Portland.

I am writing to say that I am in favor of using the city's surplus budget to allocate more funding than initially proposed for the Portland Street Response. I would also like to see this money be used toward helping the unhoused community in tangible, humanitarian ways. I strongly opposed this finding being used for signing bonuses for police officers and adding more officers and resources to do more sweeps. We continue to see that sweeps don't work to solve the root cause of the issue. They are inhumane and costly. We should be using these funds for programs that create safe temporary housing, create affordable housing in Portland, and add workforce development programs.

Thank you for your time and consideration for using this opportunity to invest in programs that will directly and positively affect the lives of the unhoused community and the residents of this city.

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