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**To:** [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)  
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Dear City Council Members and Leadership,

I am writing to show my support for the Mayor's and Dan Ryan's proposal to ban all public camping and provide shelter space and support services to all who go unsheltered in Portland, through organized, pragmatic, dignity providing sanctioned campuses and shelters, and to support proposed resolutions (899-903), to save this city and it's neediest citizens, who are suffering horribly, for no reason.

The city has the money to get this plan started. I am united with my whole community and we are begging you, please stop wasting \$45M a year on the failed county-run Joint Office of Homeless Services and use these city tax dollars to start implementing these plans. Do not give County or Metro politicians a veto over city policies. Portland deserves its fair share of the \$250M a year homeless services tax, and for those tax dollars to be used smartly and effectively - not on shortsighted, wasteful, hurtfully ineffective idealism and the inhumane use of human beings, who are dying and suffering unnecessarily on the streets, as political pawns.

Please do not let this city and its people crumble in the wake of inaction.

Ban all public camping and give a path to healing to all those suffering unsheltered, by treating them as worthy, accountable, adult, fellow citizens and members of our shared community and social contract.

Please stand tall for us all and see that dignity and humanity are restored to those suffering and this city.

Thank you,

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