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I wholeheartedly second this! It is a very sad and discouraging situation.

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On Mon, Oct 24, 2022, 10:28 AM Sherri <[svacarella@gmail.com](mailto:svacarella@gmail.com)> wrote:

In the eleven years I've lived here in Portland, I have come to claim it as my home. I love this place! However, the last three years have thrown roadblocks into my sense of safety and security.

As a North Portland resident, I've seen our once beautiful public bike/walking trail on the railroad cut turn into a space for active drug use, violence, and busy chop shops for stolen vehicles. My concern is primarily for the residents who live within hearing distance of the gunshots and those who regularly deal with the thievery that the encampment brings to the near neighborhood. The children who live in the apartments next to The Cut are living a childhood effected by the sounds and sights of crime and drug use. The Neighborhood Association has tried without success to bring appropriate police action to this criminality.

I got my tax bill in the mail this week. Please use the thousands of dollar I'll be sending to you to put an end to this stress and blight on our beautiful city of Portland. Those of us who live each day with the idea of following the law and building back our city deserve a responsible governmental response to this tragic state of affairs.

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